

Symbiosis School of International Studies
Name of Programme- MA (International Studies)
Indian Review of Global Affairs (IRGA)



Overview:

Indian Review of Global Affairs is an online student-led research platform to encourage scholarly writings and publications on issues of global importance. The platform enables students interested in writing short research pieces to build a base for research and review articles at an advanced stage.

Vision:

Indian Review of Global Affairs

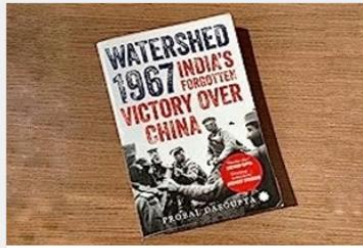
Indian Review of Global Affairs is a research arm of Symbiosis School of International Studies and was launched in July 2016, as a single point to integrate and incorporate the research activities and projects pertaining to the issues of the contemporary world. It was cast with the aim of inculcating strategic thinking in a manner which involves the academia, corporates, policy makers, and the civil society. The research house is based in Pune, a city in western India, which combines a rich cultural heritage with a modern pace. Four major verticals have been identified for research and policy review: Security and Defence, Make in India, Education and Culture, Sustainable Development. The platform will showcase research regarding mid-to-long level policy relevant issues and serve as a knowledge repository. Symbiosis School of International Studies, through its various activities and events like seminars, policy dialogues and the annual International Relations Conference, will produce short reports, policy briefs, opinion columns, and presentations to inform public opinion and policy-makers. As part of its long-term goal, Symbiosis School of International Studies aims to develop innovative research agendas, databases, publications to disseminate analyses to relevant audiences through print and digital media.

Objectives: Given the need for equipping students with academic writing and presentation training, the IRGA platform, introduced in 2016, aims at inculcating students' analysis and writing skills on issues of international relations and Indian foreign policy of their interests. It publishes research articles, blogs, book and film reviews, photo essays, infographics and global affairs podcasts and therefore is not limited just to research writings. It enables them to present their ideas in a myriad ways



Moving Beyond Security Relations: Educational and Cultural Cooperation in South Asia - by Nachiketa Thaker, 30 July 2023

This research article explores the opportunities for cooperation in South Asia beyond security relations. Owing to a lack of research on cultural cooperation, this article attempts to present an alternative perspective that searches for opportunities in a sensitive region....



Book Review of "Watershed 1967: India's Forgotten Victory Over China" by Probal Dasgupta - by Ridipt Singh, 30 June 2023

Watershed 1967: India's Forgotten Victory Over China" is a historical book that sheds light on a significant but often overlooked event in India's military history. Authored by an eminent historian, the book delves into the 1967 Nathu La and Cho La clashes, which were pivotal moments during the Sino-Indian border dispute....



Emerging Powers and Climate Politics: Looking back following COP26 - By Lucy Godfrey, 30 Oct 2022

One of the most significant challenges facing the international system is climate change. When the UNFCCC was established to facilitate climate action, state participants were divided into two groups: developed and developing countries. As pressure increased for advanced developing countries to...



Colombo Security Conclave: Multilateralism in Indian Ocean Region - By Shourya Gori, 30 September 2022

Oceans have always been spaces of competition between dominant powers of the time. The Influence of Sea Power on History, by Alfred Mahan, considered to be the bible for naval strategists, gives a very securitized view of oceans. The unique geographical, political, and economic dynamics of the Indian Ocean make a case ...

Effects of Climate Change on South Asian Countries

by Sejal Mehta , 30 January 2023

This photo essay consists of the effect of climate change in South Asian countries over the past eight years.



Heavy floods in 2015 resulted in families being trapped at Satkhira, Bangladesh.

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TIMELINE OF
RUSSIA-UKRAINE CRISIS

- FEB 24, 2022**
Shortly before 06:00 Moscow Time (UTC+3) on 24 February, President Putin announced that he had made the decision to launch a "special military operation" in eastern Ukraine.
- FEB 25, 2022**
Ukrainian forces battle Russian invaders in the north, east and south. Artillery pounds Kyiv and its suburbs and authorities.
- MARCH 1, 2022**
A U.S. official says a miles-long Russian armoured column bearing down on Kyiv is bogged down by logistical problems. Russia hits a TV tower in Kyiv and intensifies its long-distance bombardment of Kharkiv in the northeast and other cities, in what is seen as a shift in Moscow's tactics as its hopes of a quick charge on the capital fade.
- MARCH 2, 2022**
Russian forces start a siege of the southeastern port of Mariupol, seen as vital to Russian attempts to link the eastern Donbas region with Crimea, the Black Sea peninsula. Moscow seized in 2014.
- MARCH 4, 2022**
Russian forces seize Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant, Europe's biggest. NATO rejects Ukraine's appeal for no-fly zones, saying they would escalate the conflict.
- MARCH 8, 2022**
Civilians flee the northeastern city of Sumy in the first successful humanitarian corridor agreed. Two million have now fled Ukraine, the UNHCR says.
- MARCH 9, 2022**
Ukraine accuses Russia of bombing a maternity hospital in Mariupol, burying people in the rubble. Russia says Ukrainian fighters were occupying the building.
- MARCH 13, 2022**
Russia extends its war deep into western Ukraine, firing missiles at a base in Yavoriv near the border with NATO member Poland.
- MARCH 16, 2022**
Ukraine accuses Russia of bombing a Mariupol theatre where hundreds of civilians are sheltering. Moscow denies it.
- MARCH 25, 2022**
Moscow signals it is scaling back its ambitions and will focus on making gains in the east, and Ukrainian forces go on the offensive to recapture towns outside Kyiv.

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The process:

IRGA invites submissions not just from students but also from distinguished scholars and practitioners in the field on a monthly basis. A dedicated student team, under the guidance of Director Ma'am and other faculty members, undertakes the responsible task of reviewing and screening the submissions. A senior editorial group, comprising faculty members, performs the same for submissions from subject experts. The students' team is constituted on a voluntary dedication basis.

Impact:

The online platform serves as a repository of commentaries and articles on interesting issues of concern, which can be referred to by students at any given time. It inculcates the students' writing and research skills and encourages them to take responsible editorial and podcast-related teamwork.

Related Initiatives and Activities:

- The students of SSIS, who are also on the Student Editorial Board of the Indian Review of Global Affairs, host the Global Affairs Podcast (GAP) on Spotify.
- Organization of student debates, symposiums, workshops, and related competitions.

Website Link: <https://irga.in/>

