

**Centre for Indo-Pacific Studies**

**School of International Studies**

Course/Programme: **Ph.D.**

Course Title: **Asia-Pacific Multilateralism (SA660)**

**1. Theoretical Debate on Multilateralism**

- Broad theoretical arguments of various schools of thought on multilateralism

**2. Multilateralism in the Asia-Pacific**

- Background to the genesis of Asia-Pacific multilateralism – economic as well as security. Though the Cold War experience is briefly discussed, much of the emphasis would be on the post-Cold War era.

**3. ASEAN and Asia-Pacific Multilateralism**

- ASEAN's own experience as a sub-regional multilateral framework
- ASEAN's key role as the rallying point and as a driving force behind regional multilateralism.

**4. Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC)**

- The origins and evolution of APEC over the years; its achievements and shortcomings.

**5. Asia-Pacific Security Multilateralism**

- Brief discussion on issues in Asia-Pacific security
- ASEAN Regional Forum – ARF and Asia Pacific regional security
- ARF's strengths and weaknesses
- ASEAN Defence Ministers Meeting (ADMM)
- ADMM-Plus

## **6. ASEAN Plus Three (APT) and East Asia Summit (EAS)**

- APT as a mechanism to promote economic cooperation
- APT's Chiang Mai Initiative
- The politics of EAS and its role in 'community building'.

## **7. Asia-Pacific Economic Multilateralism**

- Emerging Asia-Pacific economic order
- Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP)
- Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP)

## **8. Other Regional Frameworks**

- BIMSTEC and Ganga-Mekong Cooperation
- Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA)

## **9. India and Asia-Pacific Multilateralism**

- India's evolving attitude towards Asia Pacific multilateral mechanisms

## **10. Regional Multilateralism and Security – An Assessment**

### Select Readings

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