Centre for Inner Asian Studies

School of International Studies

Course	: Ph.D
Course No.	:
Course Title	: Human Security in Central Asia
Course Type	: Optional
Course Teacher	: Dr. Mahesh Ranjan Debata
Credits	: 2 (Two)
Contact hours	: 2hrs per week

Course Objectives:

Since the UN Development Programme included the phrase 'human security' in its Human Development Report published in 1994, this concept has been defined as a people-centered approach to foreign policy of a country.Empowerment of people and protection of their human rights, safety, dignity and lives are keys to peace, stability and development in a country. The human security challenges mankind faces today are poverty, hunger, economic deprivation, diseases, environmental and natural disasters. The Central Asian Republics (CARs), which became independent in 1991,are not immune to the aforesaid challenges. Human rights violations, ethnic issues, gender concerns, terrorism, narcotics trafficking, natural disasters and environmental degradation in the past three decades haveadverselyaffected economic growth and social development in the CARs.

This course aims at introducing to Doctoral research scholars of the Centre the veritable link that covers the main domains of human security while analysing the existing conditions of human security issues and concerns inthe Central Asian Republics.

Learning Outcome:

This course suffices to the needs of doctoral research scholars of the Centre for multidisciplinary as well as interdisciplinary understanding of the concept of and approaches to human security in addition to various related issues, particularly in the context of Central Asia. The doctoral research scholars will be trained to employ requisite research methodologies whenever and wherever required while carrying out their research work.

Evaluation Method:

Class Assignment (Term Paper/Book Review) & End Semester Examination

Course Content:

1. Origin and Development of the concept of Human Security; threats and challenges to human security; human security and UN Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)

2. Establishment of CARs as independent republics; Human security challenges in the CARs

3. Political Security: political repression, human rights violation, civil war, border conflict etc

4. Economic and social security: Human Development Index in the CARs; poverty and unemployment, lack of access to education, and inequality, gender-gap, corruption etc

5. Food Security: access to food, food distribution and food consumption; hunger and famine

6. Health Security: Deadly infectious diseases (HIV/AIDS), unsafe food, lack of access to clean drinking water and basic healthcare, malnutrition etc.; Covid-19 and the challenges

7. Personal Security: Physical, domestic and gender-based violence, femicide, child labour, transnational crime, terrorism, trafficking (child, women, narcotics etc.) and cyber-violence

8. Environmental Security: Climate change, environmental degradation, resource depletion, natural disasters, pollution (air, water and soil), and Aral Sea disaster as a case study.

9. Community Security: Inter-ethnic, religious extremism, identity-based tensions/conflicts

Readings:

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