

Paper – VII: Conflicts in South Asian Countries

This paper introduces graduate students to a diverse range of conflicts in South Asia by analysing various approaches explaining their genesis, nature and political mobilization. The paper combines area & thematic studies; country studies will be taught with reference to the political character of South Asian nation-states, and the identity, political & resource – sharing conflicts they face. These issues will be examined in a comparative framework and as part of the course work, students will be encouraged to undertake some case studies of conflicts to understand ‘what works’ and ‘what doesn’t’ in managing or resolving such conflicts.

Unit I: The Colonial Legacy in South Asia

1. Institutions and Practices
2. Colonialism, Capital and Conflict
3. The Politics of Culture

Unit II: South Asian Countries Post-Independence

1. Pakistan
2. India
3. Sri Lanka
4. Bangladesh

Unit III: South Asian Monarchies and After

1. Nepal
2. Bhutan
3. Afghanistan

Unit IV: Inter-State and Intra-State Conflicts

1. Resource sharing conflicts
2. Refugees, Stateless people and the Internally Displaced Communities
3. Role of Diaspora in Conflicts

Unit V: Coping with Conflicts

1. State & Civil Society Initiatives
2. Bilateral Initiatives
3. Multilateral or Regional Initiatives (SAARC)

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