National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS)
Science, Technology and International Relations (STIR) Programme

Are you passionate about research, publications, presentations, and building an academic network?

Research Opportunities with us at NIAS on Contemporary World Affairs | Peace and Conflict Studies



The Science, Technology and International Relations (STIR) Programme and the IPRI (International Peace Research Initiative) at the School of Conflict and Security Studies in the National Institute of Advanced Studies invite young scholars and faculty to contribute to its research relating to contemporary world affairs, area studies, and peace/conflict issues.

We invite you to become a part of events, presentations, workshops, writings, publications and related academic activities.

Who can get involved?
Young faculty, scholars pursuing PhD and post-graduate programmes relating to the above broad themes can be part of our research activities.

The research activities at NIAS encourage young scholars to identify, explore and work on a range of relevant and potential areas of research.

Following are our focus areas:

- Contemporary World Affairs
- Area Studies: China, East Asia, Middle East, Africa, Europe and Latin America
- Conflict and Peace Studies
- Issues: Climate Change, Maritime, Space, Big power politics…

How to get involved?

- Write short notes for our regular NIAS publications (The World This Week and Conflict Weekly)
- Write commentaries in 1000-words on contemporary issues.
- Be a part of our research activities relating to: the Pakistan Reader Evening Brief, Europe Monitor, and Africa Weekly.
- Be a part of the NIAS workshops organized by the Institute across India.
- Be a part of our networks: International Studies Network Bangalore, Young IPRI, and Global Politics Young Voices (GPYV).

How to reach out to us?



To be a part of our activites, please send an email with your areas of interest, recent publications and an updated CV to globalpolitics@nias.res.in along with a cover letter with a cc to Prof D Suba Chandran (subachandran@nias.res.in)

The cover letter should include: Areas of interest; Expectations from NIAS; and two recent publications.

OUR FOCUS AREAS & PUBLICATIONS

The World This Week



The World This Week published every Sunday aims to provide its readers with a ready reckoner of major developments during the week under three heads - what happened, what is the background and what does it mean.

Conflict Weekly

Conflict Weekly tracks interpret sand analyse conflicts and peace processes across the world with a special emphasis on South Asia. Conflict Weekly brings to the research community every Wednesday a weekly alert of events, updates, and analyses on potential and ongoing peace processes and conflicts in the world.



Pakistan Reader

Pakistan Reader (PR) looks at Pakistan with the following five verticals; society, economy, politics, energy and ethnicity.



PR has the following publications and initiatives. 'PR Evening Brief @ 1600hrs' is an initiative taken up to update the readers on current developments within Pakistan, on a regular basis through an e-alert every evening. 'PR Comments' are short commentaries covering a brief analysis of contemporary developments in Pakistan. 'PR Friday In-House Discussions' are weekly discussions by the PR course scholar on contemporary issues relating to Pakistan. The initiative also conducts a NIAS Certificate Course, on 'Contemporary Pakistan: Society, Politics & Economy.'

NIAS Africa Studies

NIAS Africa Studies is the latest initiative. Currently, NIAS Africa Studies focuses on the Horn of Africa, North Africa and the Sahel. The research focus of NIAS Africa Studies includes civil-military relations, external interventions and investments, resource politics, the spread of radical Islamic groups and non-traditional security issues like climate change, hunger, and migration in Africa.

NIAS Africa Weekly brings a comprehensive understanding of contemporary issues: it consists of one or two main stories published as 1000-word commentaries. The latter part of the weekly has a collection of snippets, which are brief notes on various developments across Africa.

NIAS Europe Studies

The Europe Studies is a part of the Institute's endeavour to build area studies within NIAS. The scope of NIAS Europe Studies includes reviewing contemporary geopolitics, security, human rights, climate change, as well as science and technology issues across Europe. Internal politics, democratic dividends and protests movements, trans-Atlantic alliances, regional integration, and the role of external actors such as China are a few niche areas of critical focus.

As a part of its research output, in collaboration with the India office of the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, NIAS Europe Studies publishes a monthly dispatch, called the Europe Monitor.

Global Issues

As part of our research, alongside the area studies, we also focus on the following. The research on climate change includes the study on extreme weather events, polar regions (Himalayas and the Arctic), important climate dialogues, summits and negotiations.

We are also dedicated to studying outer space, and maritime from multi-disciplinary perspectives, and not focused only on security issues.

For more information, visit our research portals:
www.globalpolitics.org
www.pakistanreader.org
www.conflictreader.org