24SF802   International Governance Architecture for Sustainable Development (IGA4SD)   3-0-0-3

1. **Course Objectives:**
   This course is offered as an Elective course for E4Life PhD Scholars and as an elective course for students across Amrita campuses who intend to pursue a career in sustainable development related organizations, policies and programmes internationally.

   This course provides a platform for students to understand the concept of sustainable development, develop a sound understanding of international organizations that govern the sustainable development agenda, the structure and functions of these international organizations as well as to learn about the challenges and opportunities in 21st century for their effective governance.

2. **Audience for the course:**
   E4 Life/SSB/PG students across all campuses of Amrita

3. **Pre-requisites for the course:**
   Computer (Laptop/Desktop), MS-Teams Software and internet access for joining live online sessions and participating in online discussions and quizzes

4. **Course Outcomes:**
   CO1: Develop a strong understanding of sustainable development in theory and practice at the global level
   CO2: Master the international governance architecture of sustainable development. Learn about the key global players that govern the social, economic and environmental dimensions of sustainable development
   CO3: Learn about the strengths and weaknesses of the sustainable development governance architecture to develop a real-world view of global challenges in 21st century
   CO4: Understand how international civil service functions and explore how to contribute to the global sustainable development agenda through a wide range of opportunities

5. **Course Delivery:**
   PowerPoint presentations, writing pad with laptop, in person as well as virtual interactions, real time online surveys (involving Mentimeter) and streaming of videos from key global meetings on sustainable development

6. **Syllabus**

   Unit 1 [4 Hours]: Introduction to Global Governance and Sustainable Development: Concept of sustainable development, global governance and its relevance to sustainable development, evolution of global governance frameworks, major theoretical approaches to global governance (e.g., neoliberal institutionalism, constructivism), role of international organizations in global governance

   Unit 2 [6 Hours]: International Governance Architecture for Sustainable Development: List of United Nations agencies and other international organizations (e.g., World Bank, IMF and

WTO), civil society organizations and their influence on sustainable development policies, private sector as well as philanthropic foundations, how these organizations shape the international governance of sustainable development agenda

Unit 3 [6 Hours]: International Law Frameworks for Sustainable Development: Principles of international law, international law for common spaces (global commons), international human rights law, international environmental law, law of the seas.

Unit 4 [7 Hours]: Global Economic Governance and Sustainable Development: Linkages between economic policies, trade, and sustainable development, international financial mechanisms for sustainable development (e.g., Green Climate Fund), role of public-private partnerships and philanthropy

Unit 5 [10 Hours]: Global Environmental Governance: Role of international organizations in environmental governance, international agreements and organizations related to biodiversity conservation (e.g., Convention on Biological Diversity), global water governance, sustainable agriculture and food security initiatives at the international level

Unit 6 [10 Hours]: Governance of International Social Issues: Gender, international migration, population. social inclusion, ageing, inequality, youth empowerment

Unit 7 [3 Hours]: Technology and Innovation for Sustainable Development: Role of technology transfer and innovation in achieving sustainable development goals, new and emerging technologies, technology leapfrogging, grassroots innovation (Honeybee movement) and frugal innovations.

7. **References**

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e) "Grassroots Innovation" – Minds on the Margin are not Marginal Minds", Anil K. Gupta, Penguin Books India 2016

f) Economic and Social Survey for Asia Pacific – Towards Sustainable Economies, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, 2020

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h) Video Series: "Commanding Heights – The Battle for the World Economy", WGBH Boston Video DVD Series – Based on the book published by Pulitzer Prize-Winner Daniel Yergin and Joseph Stanislaw 2010.

8. **Evaluation plan:**

Category	Marks
Continuous Assessment	20
Mid-Term	30
End Semester	50
Total	**100**