

## **(GPP 824) Regionalism and Regional Integration**

**Pre-Requisites:** None

### **Course Description**

The primary aim of this course is to impart an understanding of the twin phenomena of regionalism and regional integration to the students. It will attempt to define and explain the rise of regionalism, its evolution in different historical contexts and will try to forecast its future in the emerging world order. It will elucidate the movements towards regional integration with the help of functional and neo-functional perspectives. It will also attempt to compare regionalism and regional integration movements in Europe and South Asia. SAARC will be used as a case study to understand both the potential and the limitations of the ongoing phenomena of regionalism in South Asia.

### **Learning Objectives**

- Understand regionalism and regional integration as concepts.
- Understand the changing dynamics of regional security architecture
- Gain familiarity with theories of regional integration
- Learn about the failure regional integration in South Asia

### **Learning Outcomes**

- Student would have a better understanding of regionalism and regional integration processes.
- Students would have gained insights into conceptual and historical foundations of regionalism and regional integration.
- Students would be able to employ these insights to dissect the limitations of regionalism in South Asia.
- Understand better the linkages between globalization and regionalism in the power transition underway in Asia.

### **Course Content**

Definitions and meaning of regionalism, regional integration; Functional and neo-

functional perspectives on regional integration; European model of regional integration; Antecedents and pre-requisites of regional integration. Interdependence, globalization and emergence of regional economic blocks; impediments to the growth of regional integration in South Asia; role of trade, investment, pipelines; BRI and CPEC; Role of SAARC.

### **Text Books**

1. Ahmed, Zahid Shahab. Regionalism and Regional Security in South Asia: The Role of SAARC. London: Routledge, 2015.
2. Guneratne, Arjun and Anita M Weis, eds (2014), Pathways to Power: The Domestic Politics of South Asia (New Delhi: Orient BlackSwan)
3. Rosecrance, Richard. (1986). The Rise of the Trading State: Commerce and Conquest in the Modern World (New York: Basic Books).