

# International Relations

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### Introduction:

- International Relations is the study of interest based political and Non-political relations among state and Non-state actors at international level.
- IR is an important great debate of contemporary times as it encompasses such significant aspects with it like state relations, Role of institutions and organizations, International law and how states interact with one another.

### Evolution of International society:

- The founding father of English school system is Hedley Bull. He was the first person to work on the notion of Evolution of International society.

Hedley explained the English school system through a historical perspective

Ideological	philosophical	Legal
Historically, there have been different ideological systems:	philosophically, there have been different philosophies	Different legal systems were in the world:
Greeks Romans Church Ottoman empire	Buddhist Islamist Khifafat Nazism	Greeks Romans Muslims Chinese Sovets
They carried our idea of secular state and it integrated the world	They carried our philosophy of capitalism and integrated the world	but the world integrated with our system of consensual modern positivist law
↓ political system of 'Secularism'	↓ Economic order 'Capitalism'	↓ legal order 'Consensual Modern Positivist Law'

- Followers of English school thought of the biased view that their very system integrated the world Economically, politically and legally.
- So, according to them, English men gave us the principles (Non-intervention, sovereignty, Interest, values, freedom etc). Values (security, welfare, laws, Justice, freedom and common rules). Common rules (International Economic rules, International state system, International law).
- The world today is governed through their norms and rules and they dominate the Global structure through their values.

### International Relations as an academic Discipline:

- The concept that gave rise to the modern state system was Peace of Westphalia. Because of this very system states came into being as sovereign entities. It was the very first concept that gave

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states the legitimacy. Main factors of POW included.

1. Every state will be sovereign.
2. States will not interfere in one another's matters.
3. Equality and freedom of citizens to be justified.
4. Availability of territorial integrity.
5. peaceful co-existence and relations with other countries.

Secondly, it was then the English school system that made international relations emerge as an academic discipline. Eventually after its emergence the International Relations acquired the status of an academic discipline and now captures a significant position in the world.

Benefits of the system:

1. Use of force is reduced by the emergence of such entities: UN, ICT, International law etc.
2. Might is right concept is reduced by today's modern consensual positivist law.

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3. Right emerged of humankind, states, property etc.
4. World more integrated through interdependence and trade.
5. Globalization of the world on the English model.

### Conclusion:

The International relations is a vast field and has gained momentum in contemporary world. It has integrated the world and world has become globalized today. This very system gained momentum with the emergence of peace of Westphalia and then the English School of thought and now is dominating the world.

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Introduction :

Regions play a significant role in determining the state's hegemony in global power politics. They play an important role into the 21st century competition and cooperation. As it is said

"The one who will dominate the regions, will dominate the world"

So, importance of regions cannot be neglected in contemporary world and world powers are doing their best to determine their influence on important regions of the world like :

Indian ocean region, Asia-Pacific, Euro-Atlantic etc.

## Geo-Strategic Importance of Indian Ocean :

Indian ocean is one of most crucial region among the world which has attracted the world towards itself. There is continuous engagement of world powers and emerging states in the region.

Importance of Indian ocean can be seen through the very fact that the world's most significant choke points come near and under influence of this area :

Suez canal

Babul Mandeeb

Strait of Hormuz

Strait of Malacca

## Engagement of countries in the region :

The engagement of world powers and other emerging countries in the region reflects its importance

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The important regions it encompasses are:

South Asia - BAI

West Asia

Persian gulf - energy politics

South-china sea.

Engagement in South Asia:

South Asia is an important region because it is under influence of Indian ocean and geo-strategically important countries lie here. ✓

BRI and Implications for Pakistan:

- The Belt and Road Initiative is a part of Indian ocean region which is a mega project of China to Pakistan. It will not only enhance the Economic power of China but will revive Pakistan's Economy and bring infrastructure and development in Pakistan.

- However with the emergence of this trillion dollar mega project USA's dominance in the world is challenged and US wants to diffuse it with the help of its ally, India.



## Pak-India Issue and Implications for Pakistan:

- Pakistan - India Issue and ongoing rivalry is an important aspect of the region. Both are neighbours and in continuous engagement with one another.
- The main issue of point here is "Rivalry over Kashmir" and the implications of the current "Hindutva policy of president Modi" on Muslims in India which is resulting in chaos and human right violations.
- Pakistan's relations with China are inseparable from USA. Here, India is giving counter narrative to the approach. Trying its best to harm relations from both sides as well as the mega project OBOR.
- Also, it is said that India is supporting the Non-State actors in Pakistan which are harming the country's image and infrastructure and mainly targeting the "security, Chinese investors and project

developers", which is contributing in the state's deteriorated relations with china.

## Revival of Taliban govt and implications for Pakistan

- Afghanistan - Pakistan relations is an important aspect for the regional peace and development. Both the countries shared relations from Soviet invasion to USA invasion and Pakistan has played a crucial role in it.
- However with the emergence of Taliban government, there have been seen a revival of terrorism and Extremism in Afghanistan as well as Pakistan. It has contributed in the rise of Non state actors and Insurgent groups. Which existed before and got momentum and motivation after Taliban's revival.
- Such measures are damaging the both state's image regionally and internationally and is Challenging the whole region's

peace and stability

engagement in other regions:

Saudi-Iran normalization of relations and implications for Pakistan:

- Another significant part of region is the Saudi-Iran normalization of relations. Recently there have been seen a peaceful negotiation between the two countries and both decided to end their cold war on basis of ideology in different countries.
- The normalization contributed in the peaceful co-existence of Middle-eastern conflicts:
  - Syrian conflict -
  - Iran-Iraq conflict -
  - Yemen crisis
  - Lebanon crises
- Also, the normalization has positive impacts for Pakistan as well as it will contribute in the working of Gas pipeline through Iran between which USA is becoming a hurdle.

Secondly, it can also contribute in the de-escalation of terrorism through such groups like:

- Jandullah
- Tashandullah etc

### South China Sea politics and implications for Pakistan:

- South China sea is an important great debate of current world scenario - where US & China are the main powers engaged whereas India, Japan, Korea, South east Asian nations are other one engaged there
- China wants a permanent dominance over the region has made artificial islands, landed naval fleets in region and so on. On the other hand, US in countering China's dominance over the region through supporting India, Japan, South-east Asian nations as an anti-thesis to China.
- Pakistan's stance over the region is in strong support of China, through which it faces challenges

backlash from US and India side.  
This contributes in more damaging  
relation of Pakistan with US and  
India. Pakistan's main  
concern here is creating a balanced  
approach between relation with  
both the US and China because  
both are crucial for Pakistan  
in contemporary times.

### Conclusion:

Regions are an important debate in  
global power politics among  
which Indian Ocean is the  
most significant region and  
world powers and in  
active engagement in the  
region. It includes of important  
straits & regions as well as  
states which reflects its  
significance in the world.

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Introduction:

- Israel-palestine conflict is one of the most protracted and long-standing conflicts in 21st century. The conflict has resulted in mass human right and international law violations resulting in the deterioration of the international legal system and institutions.

Violations of International law in the Israel-Hamas Conflict:

- The most difficult aspect to focus in a war is to not conduct violations of the international law. However, in the Israel-Hamas conflict mass level of violations have been seen, not just human right violations, but international law violations as well.

- The conflict turned more violent after the attacks of Hamas in 2024. Since then, palestinians

are in a state of chaos and conflict.

• Before that, Israel used to conduct different international law violations like:

1. Israel was unlawfully entering into Palestinian areas and conducting their activities
2. Israel had this idea from the start "Notion of Greater Israel" (As per Noam Chomsky)  
that Israel intends to create a greater land by expanding its territory which is an international law violation
3. Israel was not allowing Palestinians to get identity card and passports; neglecting them from their identity and basic human right.
4. Israel has been capturing their property without their consent which is again a serious international law violation
5. Palestinians had been also entering into the Israel places without their consent (As per Rudy Rochman)

6. Hamas attacks in Israel in form of air strikes in October 2023 which were again an act of international law violation.
7. Since then, Israel is conducting mass violations of Human rights as well as international law.
8. Israel intends to completely destroy Gaza  
"I will completely destroy Palestinians and kill all the Palestinians"  
(As per Netanyahu)
9. Israel has completely destroyed the infrastructure in Palestine resulting in lack of basic resources and rights, killings, injured babies and women and displacements and refugees crises.
10. Israel has blocked aid and not letting it get to the Palestinians. Malnutrition is another important factor of conflict. All such are violations of international law that Israel is conducting towards Palestine.



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### Conclusion :

Israel - Palestine is an ongoing, the most destructive conflict ever. Main parties of conflict are Israel, Hamas and PLA. It has resulted in Mass Human right and international law violations which are brutally done from Israel side and it intends to completely destroy Palestine.