

India-China: Civilization, Politics and Ideas

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China is the most important neighbour of India. The Indian media and academia are constantly focussed on every development Beijing undertakes. The existing border dispute, the Galwan Clashes of 2020 and the increasing Chinese influence in South Asia further complicates this relationship. There are a lot of studies which do focus attention on the foreign policy and bi-lateral developments of China.

However, what is lacking is that there is still a gap in understanding the domestic politics, society and history of China. There is also a need to look at the historical backdrop of the current conflict and how the relationship has evolved in the last 7 decades.

Why and how New Delhi and Beijing behave internationally is very driven by their domestic factors. This course aims to introduce India-China relations, primarily focused on understanding the domestic politics and society.

It will focus on some of the important events and incidents which have directed and dominated the India-China relations. It will also discuss the worldviews of India and China and how they perceive their role in the international system.

The course aims to look deeper and away from the media debates and will direct the discussions with the help of analyses and raising future scenarios.

Some of the important themes which the course will cover include;

1. **Historical overview**
2. **Process of State formations, Democracy and Communist State, Worldviews of Nehru and Mao, 1962 war**
3. **Domestic developments in India and China between 1962 to 1980, China's reform and opening up and Indian liberalization**
4. **Normalization of relations 1990s to 2000s, Economic interdependence, Confidence Building Measures, Domestic political changes,**
5. **Strategic Culture, Military modernization, white papers, border negotiations,**
6. **Xi Jinping and Narendra Modi, rise of domestic nationalism, China's rise and inroads in South Asia, tussle for influence in the region, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bhutan, Nepal, Bangladesh**
7. **Galwan and the reset of India-China relations**
8. **India-China and relations with the World**
9. **Multilateral organizations BRICS, SCO, G20, ASEAN, SAARC, Indo-Pacific, QUAD**
10. **Common challenges like Climate Change, Covid 19 pandemic**
11. **Historical Memory and its role in national discourse in India and China**

Reading List

1. Routledge Handbook of China–India Relations, Edited By Kanti Bajpai, Selina Ho, Manjari Chatterjee Miller, Copyright 2020.
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3. Tansen Sen: India, China, and the World: A Connected History, Oxford University Press, 2018
4. China's India War: Collision Course on the Roof of the World, by Bertil Lintner, 2017
5. The Long Game: How the Chinese Negotiate: How the Chinese Negotiate with India, by Vijay Gokhale, 2021
6. India's China Challenge: A Journey through China's Rise and What It Means for India, by Ananth Krishnan, 2020
7. How China Sees India and the World, by Shyam Saran, 2022
8. Choices: Inside the Making of Indian Foreign Policy, by Shivshankar Menon, 2016
9. India's China War by Neville Maxwell, 2021
10. The Fractured Himalaya: India Tibet China 1949-1962, by Nirupama Rao, 2022