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Jindal Centre for the Global South conducts policy-oriented research, dialogue, and training into the social, economic, and political issues across countries of the Global South with a special emphasis on South-South Cooperation and its underpinning development opportunities for the Global South countries. Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly poverty eradication, requires national policies, and international and regional cooperation that supports development efforts. The Centre promotes the unity of the South in achieving the SDGs while recognizing the diversity of national interests and priorities. While bringing about international cooperation between research experts, students and faculties from a variety of disciplines, JCGS has an interdisciplinary approach towards learning.

Activities undertaken by the Centre:

- **Courses**: JCGS organizes a number of courses for graduate and post-graduate students such as: International Development Finance and South-South Cooperation, Political economy of Africa, Politics of Developing Nations, International Political Economy: Topics on Development and Latin America, Sustainable Development and Climate Change and The Politics of Development.

- **Research and Publications**: Developing a strong research agenda focused around three key themes which are addressing Global South development challenges, assessing the role of South-South Cooperation in addressing the 2030’s Global Agenda for sustainable development, and mapping innovative finance for development mechanisms.

- **Conferences, Seminars and Workshops**: Organizing conferences, seminars, workshops, and other events like public readings and lectures.

- **Active Collaboration**: Building a strong network with other national and international Global South studies and South-South Cooperation research institutions inside and outside India, in order to share ideas and to promote the active exchange of research scholars and students (i.e. institutions from India - RIS, and international institutions-Institute for Global Dialogue in South Africa).
Book Review: Highlights

Poor economics: A Radical Rethinking of the Way to Fight Global Poverty

By Abhijit Vinayak Banerjee and Esther Duflo

In this book review, the author started with a brief introduction to the authors of the book. Then clarifies that the book does not simply provide an analysis of poverty but also delivers the solutions for it, and these described solutions terminate the gap between intention and implementation. The author had divided the book into two parts: the first part is ‘Private Life’ and the second part is ‘Institution’. Banerjee and Duflo have expressed the private life of poor people with the institution’s causation. The author had some comments on the book like, solutions are not applicable in real-life issues because other difficulties are not discussed, and the book illustrates its argument only by quantitative data method- numerical and statistical; qualitative data and explicitly the ground political-philosophical values have not been used.

Reviewed by Arup Maity
“Bibi: The turbulent life and times of Benjamin Netanyahu”
By Anshel Pfeffer

This book provides a close insight about Anshel Pfeffer’s book Bibi: the turbulent life and times of Benjamin Netanyahu, where Priyanka describes that the book is basically a summary of Modern Israel’s history with its central attention being on Bibi. It focuses on a man of unbending principle who continues to follow ideologies and beliefs that are outdated and have the least practicality. Priyanka writes, Pfeffer has explained in this book how Netanyahu was and continues to be an extremely powerful man who can discard anyone trying to question his authority, and that his power has reached a level that so many Israelis believe that there may be no one to replace their Bibi. Lastly, this book review article focuses that even though Anshel Pfeffer comes from a liberal school of thought and works for Haaretz: an organization that is strictly anti-Bibi, he has provided us with a real and raw insight about Bibi’s life, letting the readers get a chance to make up their own mind about Bibi.

Reviewed by Priyanka Lohia
JCGS BLOG: SNIPPETS

Regionalism as a building block for globalization
By Aulina Pandey

The author in this article aims to show how regionalism relates to globalization. Regionalism takes place where there is cooperation and integration between countries. The article started by the definitions and the fundamental principles that govern the concept of regionalism, such as region, regional integration, cooperation, and interdependency, this follows by showing the role of regional and multilateral institutions in the current economic system and whether either can operate alongside or exclusive of each other. The third part deals with an attempt to arrive at a conclusion with respect to the role of various institutions by taking into consideration contemporary examples of regional trade agreements, common markets, and custom unions as tools for effective regionalism.

Protectionist Tendencies in the Contemporary World
By Abhijith H Nair

In this article the author tries to show the meaning of the concept of Protectionism through its history and observes the protectionist tendencies in the contemporary world. Then, the author articulates the dire impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic on the world economy and trade through analysis of trade data and tries to identify whether the pandemic has exacerbated protectionist tendencies in international trade. The author concluded that Covid 19 has not created a paradigm shift and did not exacerbate protectionism. And recommend that only cooperation will guide in resolving the crisis through coordination for vaccine research and distribution, removal of barriers to promote trade so both consumers and producers are benefitted.

Back To The Old Normal or A Change In What We Call Normal?
By Swapneel Thakur

With the break of the global COVID-19 pandemic, nations have had to change their domestic trade tendencies and adopt strict measures. This paper analyses whether this shift has led countries back to the strategy of protectionism or there has been a different paradigm shift. The author is taking the examples of various countries at different developmental levels and elaborating on their approach and strategy towards global trade. The conclusion reached is that protectionism was a short term response to the sudden implications of the pandemic. As time has passed, countries are going back to the former manners of global trade. The author also assures that with the fading of the pandemic, global trade will return to as it used to be. The author has used verified secondary data to do content analysis and reach the conclusion

COVID-19 Pandemic Crisis: A Return to Protectionism or A Paradigm Shift in International Trade
by Ruchi Yemul

This article examines whether the changes seen in international trade practices such as increased protectionism are likely to stay, especially in India. Taking a close look into India’s trade policies & economic outlook, this makes judgements on possible changes. With the disruption of global supply chains and international trade, countries have increasingly focused on maintaining and bolstering domestic industry and output. Though disruptions to industries and FDI might be short-term in nature due to easing of restrictions, long term changes in the nature of global supply chains could be a consequence of the pandemic, with increased competitiveness between global players. Despite calls for self-reliance, the article argues that it is unlikely that India would start a protectionist mode of international trade due to India’s position in the global economy.
Digital Transformation for Southern Countries in the time of COVID’19 Global Pandemic

In this policy brief, the author Yomna Selim, considering the significant contribution made by technology in the phase of Global Pandemic, highlights and discusses the importance for a country to build e-infrastructure and provide better access to connectivity. The author highlights the current and future state of technological involvement and cites some inspiring steps taken by countries in the Global South such as Pakistan, Indonesia, South Africa, Ethiopia etc. towards digitalization in order to combat COVID’19 global pandemic by providing a variety of e-services. Lastly, while providing certain measures for digitalization, the author discusses that no achievement cannot be attained using only a single means, therefore stresses on the need for both public and private sectors to collaborate for a country to achieve digital transformation.
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JCGS’ INTERNATIONAL SDGS CONTEST

Jindal Centre for the Global South organize a yearly international SDGs contest for university students and graduates from Southern Globe. The contest is about designing and carrying out a project in your local community/country that will get the world closer to achieving the Global Goals.

Consider which of the 17 Goals you feel passionate about or are most relevant to your community/country context. What problems can you identify in your area/society? How can your team work together and try to fix it?

This competition aims to give the opportunity, support, and platform for Southern Youth to create a positive social change and to start to think as a socially conscious global leader.