



## SUMMER CERTIFICATE COURSE ON NATIONAL SECURITY

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Summer Certificate Course on National Security of the PPF is aimed at fostering interest in security studies for a new generation of students. The course is premised on an idea that the conventional national security concept may not serve the modern aspirational interests of a large and diverse country like India in successfully facing the multiple challenges and complexities emanating from the ongoing process of globalisation and disruptive new technologies.

The three-month inter disciplinary course will be conducted online by a team of leading academic experts in the field. Together they would equip the participants with theoretical as well as practical contours of changing national security environment of India. This would encompass such emerging issues as terrorism, climate change, food security, cyber security, human resources, educational challenges etc.

Interactive and engaging lectures by leading experts and experienced practitioners in the field of diplomacy, intelligence, defense, and internal security will help participants maximize their strengths and gain insights.

**Who is Eligible?** Masters in Social Sciences/Science and Technology with good academic standing.  
*Note: Prospective candidates for the course will be required to send a brief statement of interest (150-300 words) along with a CV detailing their career and educational background.*

*Complete application should be sent by post at the address given below or emailed at [ppfsummertificiatecourse@gmail.com](mailto:ppfsummertificiatecourse@gmail.com)*

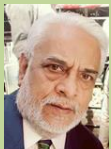
*Last date of submission of application: April 25, 2021*

*Duration of Course: May 1 – July 31, 2021*

*Fees including Registration: Rs. 9000/-*

*In case of withdrawal from course the registration fees of Rs.1000/- is non-refundable. Last date for withdrawal is April 30, 2021*

### **Course Director: Professor Gautam Sen, Pune**



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The nature of security challenges is rapidly transforming. Globalisation and disruptive new technologies are changing the way we live, work, and think and thereby inducing, in the process, a profound change in our lives both private and national. The conventional national security concept developed in the seventeenth century may not serve the modern aspirational interests of a large country like India -with its multiple diversity and huge demography and situated, as it is, close to one of the most violence and conflict prone geographies of the world. Need to re-imagine (or to re-design) is clearly required to enable India to achieve global prominence. India has to negotiate the complexities and the challenges with its embedded multi-dimensional perspective unlike any other nation state.

Emerging challenges to national security are increasingly networked with the cultural sensitivities. These are transnational and national in character, superimposed by transactional interdependence between nation states. Amorphous threats connected to a political geography emanating from religiously motivated groups or even organised crime syndicates dealing with all varieties of illicit trades can and do inflict damages to nation states. Some of these threats do emerge 'regional' and 'hybrid' threats and perpetrators work in tandem with parties in conflict. Deployment of military internally against such threats has limitations. Building capacities of several agencies jointly and harnessing civilian capacities to deal with the challenge in the hinterland will be necessary.

Borders do play a role in conflict between nations but now increasingly the issues relating to economy and trade, climate change issues, critical resource extraction claim attention as tools of pressure along with exploitation /manipulation of socio-political fault lines. Events of the last few decades show internal uprisings bringing collapse of the nations in several countries, changes in regime etc. on their own or aided and abetted by external elements.

There is a need to reorient India's strategic view to factor in the newly emerging trends and challenges and reimagine its security preparedness. PPF's Summer Certificate Course will cover all these aspects for a compressive understanding of national security, especially in the Indian context.