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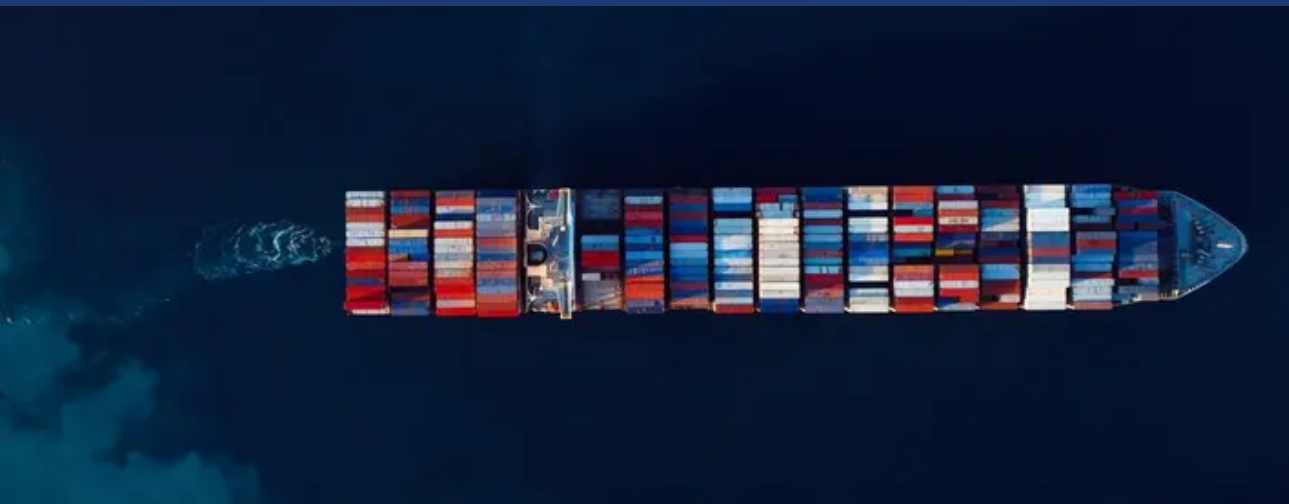
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About the Institution

The School of International Relations and Strategic Studies (SIRSS), University of Mumbai offers M.A in International Relations and Strategic Studies, a unique programme with an interdisciplinary approach incorporating various courses, and we also have a Ph.D Research Center. The School led foundation of academia to develop an academic and research approach in International Relations, Area Studies and Strategic thought since 2021. University of Mumbai is the first State university in Western region to offer a course in International Relations and Strategic Studies.



About the Seminar

The IOR spreads from the eastern coast of Africa to the western shores of Australia, and is a crucial conduit for international trade, dynamic stage for geopolitical manoeuvring and a focal point of international maritime policy. The region is home to more than 2 billion people and is rich in resources, yet remains one of the least developed parts of the world. The seminar will focus on exploring challenges and opportunities in the region.

This region is a nexus of global trade routes which facilitates the movement of goods and resources vital to the world economy. In lieu of this, trade issues such as piracy, territorial disputes, and need for secure and efficient maritime logistics poses significant challenges. IOR's geopolitical landscape is shaped by littoral nations, organisations such as UNCLOS, regional alliances such as ASEAN, QUAD, BIMSTEC, and RIM, and also by the interplay of major powers and island nations. Maritime issues including freedom of navigation, territorial waters, and strategic positioning of naval forces are critical to maintaining stability in the region. The flourishing Blue Economy which offers opportunities for sustainable development stands against the background of nuclear weapons and strategic ambitions of nations add to complex the security dynamics in the region. Security issues such as proliferation of nuclear weapons, maritime terrorism, and militarisation of strategic choke points add complex layers to this complex security dynamic.



About the Seminar

The seminar aims to address four critical aspects of IOR;

1. Maritime Strategy
2. Trade, Business and Economy
3. International Cooperation and Geopolitics
4. Humanitarian and Climate missions

To mitigate the various challenges in the IOR, several collaborative measures have been undertaken. Joint naval exercises and anti-piracy operations have been implemented to enhance regional security, ensuring safer maritime routes. Economic cooperation has been bolstered through trade agreements and initiatives like the Asia-Africa Growth Corridor, which aim to boost economic integration and development. Institutional frameworks also play a crucial role in facilitating dialogue and cooperation among member states, addressing regional issues collectively. Environmental efforts are also a key focus, with collaborative projects targeting sustainable development and disaster risk management to protect the region's diverse ecosystems. These measures collectively mitigate the various challenges of the IOR and promote stability, security, and sustainable development.

The conference will provide a platform to bring these issues into academic discussion through papers, debates and deliberation.

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Seminar Objectives

- TO OFFER STUDENTS A CHANCE TO CONNECT WITH AND GAIN INSIGHTS FROM TOP PROFESSIONALS IN THE FIELD OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS.
- TO HELP STUDENTS UNDERSTAND AND LEARN THE STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE OF THE INDIAN OCEAN REGION, ITS MARITIME AND SECURITY ISSUES, ROLE IN GLOBAL POWER POLITICS AND MORE.
- TO PROVIDE YOUTH WITH A PLATFORM TO NETWORK AND ENGAGE IN DIALOGUE WITH THEIR PEERS AND ACCOMPLISHED FIGURES, THEREBY EMPOWERING YOUNG MINDS.
- THE TWO DAY PROGRAM WILL FOCUS ON FOUR DIFFERENT WORKING ASPECTS OF IOR THROUGH ACADEMIC DISCUSSION, DISCOURSE, CRITICAL DIALOGUE AND DELIBERATION.



Seminar Sub-Themes

India's Maritime Strategy
Indo-Pacific Region
Maritime Power and National Security
Institutional Framework of IOR (ASEAN, QUAD,
BIMSTEC, RIM, AUKUS)
Blue Economy
Geopolitical dimensions in IOR
Nuclear Weapons in Indian Ocean
Trade and Transport in IOR
Connectivity in IOR
BRI and its implications on IOR
Major Power in Indian Ocean
Role of Island Countries in Indian Ocean
United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea
Migration in Indian Ocean Region
Tourism as Factor for Indian Ocean Countries
Climate Change issues in IOR

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Important Dates

- **5th Oct '24**
Last Date for Abstract Submission
- **07th Oct '24**
Acceptance Email
- **20th Oct '24**
Last Date for Paper Submission
- **20th Oct '24**
Full Paper Submission
- **24th and 25th Oct '24**
Date of Seminar

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