Postgraduate Study trip to Delhi

Study for a Masters within the School of Government and Society and you will have the opportunity to participate in an intensive international module in Delhi, India.

Each year, a group of Masters students from across the School of Government and Society is given the opportunity to travel to Delhi, India, to take part in a week-long international module entitled 'Traditional and New Security Challenges: South Asia in Global Perspective'. This intensive module explores the evolving international security agenda and encourages students to consider if security and insecurity have fundamentally transformed in recent decades.

The starting point for this module is to consider the relevance of the traditional 'national security' paradigm – based upon military defence of territory against 'external' threats – and the role of nuclear weapons. Against this background students explore how challenges such as weak and failed states, environmental degradation, terrorism, underdevelopment, migration, and normative ideas such as 'human security' have come to change the way we think about, and respond to, insecurity.

In addition to the class teaching, guest speakers from local think tanks and cultural visits are organised, usually including a trip to the Taj Mahal and other interesting locations in Agra.

The module is convened and taught by staff from Birmingham's Department of Political Science and International Studies and the International Development Department, and partners from the University of Melbourne and the University of Delhi.

Student testimonials

Joseph Bergson, MSc International Development (/schools/government-society/teaching/student-profiles/postgraduate/idd/2011-12/bergson-joseph-msc-idd.aspx) "I found that in both class discussions and group work the level of knowledge from everyone on the course was very high and it felt really great to be among outspoken and clever people! The additional parts of the course also set it above others classes I have taken."

Rhys Crilley, MA International Relations (Terrorism and Political Violence) (/schools/government-society/teaching/student-profiles/postgraduate/polsis/2011-12/crilley-rhys-delhi.aspx) "By undertaking the module I gained a great insight into the security politics of South Asia from several perspectives; the lectures from South Asian experts and security practitioners were particularly insightful and their experience was helpful in providing a thorough understanding of the contemporary security issues that South Asia faces."

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