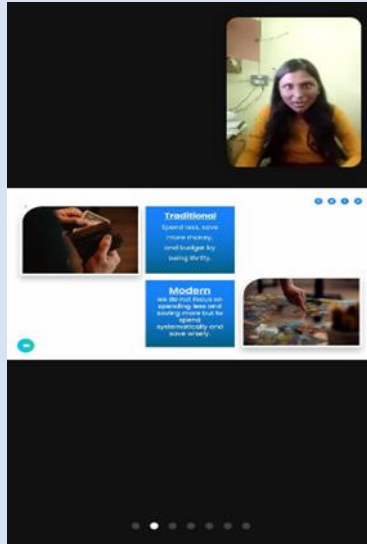


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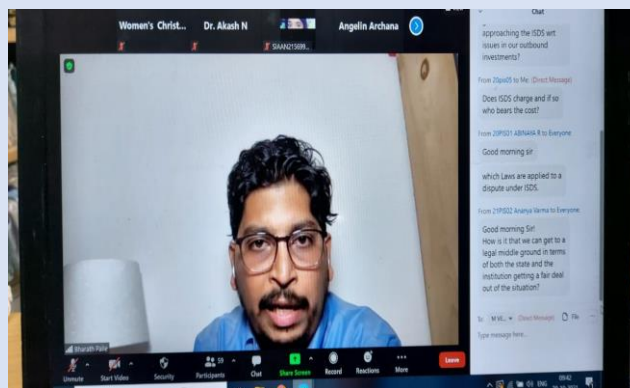
ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES – June 2021 – May 2022

Guest lectures, seminars/webinars, workshops, student activities

- **25th- 27th August, 2021** - The Department organized a three-day workshop on “Personal Finance and Digital Entrepreneurship,” mentored by Ms. Manjari Balu, co-founder of Econfinity.



- **30th October, 2021** - The Department organized a webinar on “State Sovereignty Vs Investor Rights: Critical Reflections on Investor State Dispute Settlement” by Advocate Bharat Palle, Doctor of Juridical Science, Harvard Law School, USA .



- **28th April, 2022** - The Department organized a guest lecture on “75 Years of Indian Democracy and Development: From Nehru to Modi” by Dr. Pulapre Balakrishnan, a renowned economist.
- **October 2021** – The Department organized its first national essay competition to celebrate International Days in the month of October.

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In an increasingly 'global' world, enabling a generation of students equipped to understand, analyse and contribute to the changing contours of international relations is the need of the hour. It was with this vision that the Dept of International Studies commenced in Women's Christian College, Chennai (N.A.A.C. A-). The Department offers an intensive Master's program synergizing academic rigour with industry requirements. Students are exposed to contemporary topics such as climate change, international political economy, terrorism, human rights, science - technology, culture, sustainability and globalisation along with a grounding in theoretical, historical and legal foundations of international studies. India's Foreign Policy, Foreign Policy of major powers, Diplomacy and Security studies are offered as core papers. Area studies include China, Europe and United States with a regional focus on Asia. Internship to gain hands-on industry experience culminates in a Dissertation in the final semester. A Masters in International Studies equips students to explore career options such as Indian Foreign Service, working in intergovernmental organizations, MNC's or INGO's, journalism, research or academia.

ABOUT THE COMPETITION
The Department is organizing an Essay competition celebrating the International Day of the Girl Child (11th October), World Food Day (16th October), UN Day (24th October) and World Cities Day (1st October).

Registration:
<https://forms.gle/UBbwRZEPxudD0s2A>

TOPICS
We have begun to raise our daughters more like our sons, but few have the courage to raise our sons more like our daughters - G.Steinem
Impact of Social Media on Food Choices
The Future We Want, the UN We Need
My City, My Story

RULES
1. Word limit is 2000 - 2500 words (including footnotes).
2. Submission in Word file, PDF, Times New Roman, size 12, Spacing 1.5
3. Only one author per essay. Author name and postal address affiliation **MUST NOT** be mentioned in the Essay. A separate form will be sent for submission of entries.
4. Submission will be accepted till 24th October 2021.
5. Deadline for Registration: **24th October 2021**. Deadline for Submission: **31st October 2021**. (Dissertation starts in October).
6. Winners will be announced in November 2021.
7. For any queries, please write to plasmvc.edu.in

PRIZES
• 1st Prize: Rs. 1,000
• 2nd Prize: Rs. 500
• 3rd Prize: Rs. 200
Winning entries will be published on the blog: <http://plasmvcampus.wordpress.com>
All participants will get certificates.

- **15th March, 2022** - The Department organized a panel discussion on “Decoding the Russia-Ukraine Crisis.” The panelists were Dr. Stanly Johny (International Affairs Editor, The Hindu), Prof. Dr. Ramu Manivannan (Former Head, Department of Politics and Public Administration, University of Madras), and Maj. Madhan Kumar (Retd.).



Student Achievements

- Ms. Madhushree. S, a second-year M.A. student secured a six-month internship at the United Nations Environment Programme in Geneva, Switzerland, from January to July 2022.



- **12th June, 2021**- Ms. Mary Selma Rose received a Grant Prize of 500 US dollars for the Best Essay on “Exploring Women’s Role in Ecofeminism” under the theme Eco-Justice Project in the Scranton Essay Contest conducted by the Scranton Women’s Leadership Center, South Korea. Ms. Domini Jyotsna received a grant prize of 500 US dollars for her essay on “Interspecies Justice and Biodiversity Conservation: An Ignored Perspective” under the theme Eco-Justice Project, conducted by the Scranton Women’s Leadership Center, South Korea.
- Ananya Varma of I M.A. International Studies was selected for a summer program at the Seoul National University, South Korea, for the period of June 2022.
- **28th April, 2021** - Ms. Logeshwari, II M.A. International Studies, presented a paper on ‘Relooking Statehood under International Law from the prismatic lens of Climate Change’, at the 16th Professor S.P. Sathe International Conference on Climate Change, ILS Law College, Pune.
- Ms. Logeshwari of II M.A. International Studies won the First Prize in Essay Writing Competition for her essay on “Human Rights and Climate Change,” held by the State Human Rights Commission, Tamil Nadu.
- **24th March, 2022** - Ms. Ananya Varma, I M.A. International Studies, presented a paper on ‘To tour or not to tour: A Comparative Study of the Tourism Policy of South Korea and Thailand during the COVID-19 pandemic,’ and Ms. Arshiya Banu, I M.A. International Studies, presented a paper on “Vaccine Diplomacy: A Hard Tool for Soft Power” at the Young Diplomat National Conference organized by Christ University, Bangalore.