



Goa University

Name of Directorate: Directorate of Visiting Research Professor Programme

NAAC Report on Public Lecture by Prof. Vasileios Syros

1. Title of the Event/Activity/program	"Reappraising Greek and Indian Classics on Strategic Leadership: Insights for Modern Governance and Strategy"
2. Date and Time	25th October 2024 (Friday), 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM
3. Mode of conduct (Physical/Online)	Physical (In-person)
4. School/ Directorate/ Section	Directorate of Visiting Research Professors Programme (VRPP), Goa University
5. Collaborating Agency/School/Directorate:	Xavier Centre for Historical Research and School of International and Area Studies (SIAS), Goa University
6. Detail of the Resource Person (Brief biodata)	Enclosed
7. Number of Faculty attended/participated	04
8. Number of Student attended / participated	07
9. No. of external students/faculty/other participants	10

<p>10. The objectives of the Program/activity/event</p>	<p>The primary objective of the public lecture is to explore and critically analyze the strategic leadership models embedded in both Greek and Indian classical texts. The event aims to provide participants with insights into the foundational ideas of leadership as articulated by classical thinkers such as Plato, Aristotle, and Kautilya (Chanakya). By comparing these ancient concepts, the lecture seeks to highlight their continuing relevance in modern governance, business leadership, and military strategy. Furthermore, it aspires to encourage interdisciplinary dialogue by connecting historical and philosophical traditions from diverse cultural backgrounds and applying them to contemporary challenges.</p>
<p>11. Description of the Program/activity/event</p>	<p>This public lecture, delivered by Prof. Vasileios Syros, focuses on reinterpreting classical leadership models from Greek and Indian traditions. The session will explore leadership frameworks found in ancient Greek texts by philosophers such as Plato and Aristotle, alongside the political strategies laid out in Indian texts like the Arthashastra by Kautilya. The event will be moderated by Anthony Da Silva, Scholar in Residence at the Xavier Centre for Historical Research, and co-chaired by Dr. Prakash S. Parienkar, Director of the VRPP. By drawing parallels between these two rich traditions, Prof. Syros will present the ways in which ancient strategic leadership principles can be adapted to modern contexts, such as governance, business leadership, and global diplomacy. This event, held at the Xavier Centre for Historical Research, is free and open to all, with a focus on</p>

	engaging students, faculty, and the general public in a discussion of classical wisdom and its modern applicability.
12. Benefit/Key outcomes of the Program/activity/event	<p>The lecture is expected to yield several key benefits for participants, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhanced Leadership Acumen: Attendees will gain a deeper understanding of how leadership models from classical Greek and Indian traditions can inform current practices in governance, business, and military strategy. • Interdisciplinary Learning: The event promotes the synthesis of knowledge across fields such as history, philosophy, political theory, and leadership studies, encouraging participants to approach leadership through a holistic lens. • Application of Classical Ideas: By connecting ancient principles to modern-day strategic challenges, participants will be able to apply these time-tested concepts in various domains, enriching their personal and professional leadership practices. • Cultural Exchange and Historical Insight: The lecture will enhance participants' understanding of cross-cultural connections between Greece and India, fostering a global perspective on leadership and governance.
13. Enclosures with report	Photos, Attendance of participants, Bio Data of resource person.

Bio Data

Prof. Vasileios Syros

Professor Vasileios Syros is a Distinguished Fellow at the Centre for Military History and Conflict Studies at the United Service Institution of India (USI), India's oldest and foremost tri-service think tank (est. 1870) for research into national security and military affairs. Prof. Syros is a Life Member of Clare Hall, University of Cambridge, and holds concurrent appointments as Senior Research Fellow at the Institute for European Global Studies at the University of Basel (Switzerland) and the Director of the Early Modern Greek Culture Program at The Medici Archive Project (Florence, Italy). His areas of interest include the history of medieval and early modern political thought (Christian, Islamic, and Jewish traditions), cross-cultural leadership, and Indian strategic thought.

Prof. Syros received his PhD in Medieval and Modern History from the University of Heidelberg, conducted postdoctoral research at the Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, and was appointed Docent in Political History at the University of Helsinki. He has held research positions and fellowships at Harvard University, Princeton University, Columbia University, the University of Pennsylvania, the University of Michigan, the University of Notre Dame, the University of Wisconsin-Madison, the Waseda Institute for Advanced Study, Waseda University (Japan), the Academy of Finland, the Swedish Collegium for Advanced Study, the Swedish Research Institute in Istanbul, and the Humboldt University of Berlin. His research has been funded by institutions and organizations, such as the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, New York University, the Nordic Council of Ministers, the Joint Committee for Nordic Research Councils in the Humanities and Social Sciences, the Finnish Ministry of Education and Culture, the Finnish Centre of Excellence in Political Thought and Conceptual Change, the Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Swiss National Science Foundation, the Dutch Research Council, and the Royal Society of Edinburgh.

Prof. Syros served as Full Professor and Greek Chair (sponsored by the Government of the Hellenic Republic) at Jawaharlal Nehru University (New Delhi, India). He has previously taught at Stanford University, McGill University, The University of Chicago, the École Pratique des Hautes Études, the École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (Paris), and the University of Navarra (Spain). He was also a Lady Davis Visiting Professor at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, a Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences Visiting Professor at Radboud University Nijmegen, and a Descartes Senior Fellow at Utrecht University. He has lectured on global/cross-cultural leadership and comparative political theory at Beijing University and Nankai

University (China), the National Research University Higher School of Economics (Moscow and St. Petersburg, Russia), the University of São Paulo (Brazil), Koç University (Türkiye), and Al-Farabi Kazakh National University (Kazakhstan). Since 2014, Prof. Syros has been teaching the Global Leadership & Sustainability course at Sungkyunkwan University (Seoul, South Korea). He also teaches public diplomacy and cognitive warfare at the Thessaloniki International Media Summer Academy (THISAM) in Greece - part of the United Nations Academic Impact (UNAI) initiative.

Prof. Syros has successfully graduated from the Building Integrity for Senior Leaders Course offered by the Defence Academy of the United Kingdom. In addition to his academic work, Prof. Syros has served as the Director of the Cultural Property Protection Course at CMDR COE, and was appointed as the Director of the Cultural Property Protection Course/Team Leader of the Mobile Education & Training Team (METT) at the Multinational Peace Force South-Eastern Europe (MPFSE)/South-Eastern Europe Brigade (SEEBRIG). He has professional experience, conducted fieldwork, and analyzed lessons related to the protection of cultural heritage in Iraq as an official guest of the Consulate General of Greece in Erbil. He has also been a recurrent lecturer for courses on Cultural Property Protection offered by the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe and the Multinational Peace Support Operations Training Center of the Hellenic National Defence General Staff. He has lectured widely on strategic leadership, cross-cultural awareness, cognitive warfare, civil-military relations, crisis management, and military ethics at numerous institutions, defense colleges, and think tanks including the Ministry of Peshmerga Affairs (KRI/Iraq), the American University of Iraq, Sulaimani, and at various security and defense training institutions, including the Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses, the Maritime History Society (India); the Indian Society of International Law; the European Security and Defence College; the Hellenic National Defence College; the Supreme Joint War College (Greece); the Brazilian Defense College; the Centre for Sea Power and Strategy, University of Plymouth & the Royal Navy Strategic Studies Centre (UK); the Baltic Defence College; the Spanish Joint Staff College (ESFAS); CoESPU - Center of Excellence for the Stability Police Units (Italy); the Hellenic Air Force War College; the Hellenic Army Artillery School; the Hellenic Army Engineer School; the Engineer Officers' Technical Training School of the Hellenic Army; the Hellenic Army Academy; and the Diplomatic Academy of the Hellenic Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Prof. Syros has provided research, analysis, and advisory services to government agencies and NGOs on cultural heritage preservation in conflict and post-conflict zones, and crisis management.

Poster of Public Lecture



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Presents

PUBLIC LECTURE

'REAPPRAISING GREEK AND INDIAN CLASSICS ON STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP'

by



PROF. VASILEIOS SYROS

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University of Cambridge.

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Co-Chaired by

**DR. PRAKASH S. PARIENKAR, DIRECTOR, VISITING RESEARCH PROFESSORS
PROGRAMME, GOA UNIVERSITY, GOA**



**Friday
25th October 2024
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Attendance Sheet

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Event: Reappraising Greek and Indian Classics on Strategic Leadership

Date: 25th October 2024

Time: 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Venue: Xavier Centre for Historical Research, Porvorim, Goa

Sr. No.	Name	Student / General Public	Institution/Organization	Email/Contact No.	Signature
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Photos







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Designation: Associate Professor

Date: 25th October, 2024

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Director, VRPP

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