

## International Relations in the Indian Ocean Region (IRIOR)

Collaborative annual regional short course for postgraduate coursework students

Co-hosted by Curtin Mauritius, University of Mauritius and WCP University of Mauritius, Jan-Feb 2023,  
Mauritius

### Background

The University of Mauritius is co-hosting together with Curtin University, Australia a short course entitled “International Relations in the Indian Ocean Region” from 30 January-10 February 2023. The course is funded by the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) and the Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT). This course involves the participation of postgraduate students and academics from Curtin University (Australia/Mauritius), the University of Mauritius, the University of Pretoria (South Africa), Paramadina University (Indonesia), Jawaharlal Nehru University (India) and the University of Dhaka (Bangladesh).

Thirty-five students and academics from these different Universities will be in Mauritius. The course will be in a hybrid mode, with presentations by both local and foreign resource persons, intervening either in person or online. Resource persons from academia, private sector and ministries will share their knowledge and existing work on the Indian Ocean Region with the participants. Participants will engage in group work and need to do a group presentation at the end of the course.

### Tentative Programme

Date	Day	Day type	Activity	Venue
28 Jan	Saturday	Weekend	Staff and students arrive in Mauritius over the weekend – welcome reception Sunday evening	Hotel
29 Jan	Sunday	Weekend		
30 Jan	Monday	Course Day 1	Introductions History of the Indian Ocean Region Overview of IORA	Curtin Mauritius campus IORA Secretariat HQ
31 Jan	Tuesday	Course Day 2	History, society and culture of Mauritius Mauritius perspectives on the IOR Group presentation planning	Bus – Tour of Port-Louis Appravasi Ghat and Slavery Tour Associate Professor Vijaya Teeluck - (1 hr) Pamplemousses Garden (2 hrs) Lunch in Port-Louis Back to University of Mauritius campus Group Presentation Planning on the University
1 Feb	Wednesday	Public Holiday – Abolition of Slavery	Cultural excursion to Le Morne	Le Morne - Full Day
2 Feb	Thursday	Course Day 3	IOR social dynamics IOR cultural dynamics IOR environmental dynamics	Curtin Mauritius campus
3 Feb	Friday	Course Day 4	IOR economic dynamics IOR security dynamics Role of IORA dialogue partners in the IOR	University of Mauritius campus

4 Feb	Saturday	Weekend	Thaiposam Cavadee cultural activities	Excursion to Port Louis
5 Feb	Sunday	Weekend	Rest Day	Hotel
6 Feb	Monday	Course Day 5	Government perspectives on the IOR: Australia, Indonesia, South Africa, Bangladesh	University of Mauritius campus 2* 1 hr in the morning and 2* 1 hr after lunch
7 Feb	Tuesday	Course Day 6	Indian perspectives on the IOR Blue Economy presentation	Indian High Commission Mauritius Oceanographic Institute - Panel Discussion on Blue Economy– Disaster Management
8 Feb	Wednesday	Course Day 7	Group presentation planning / Research symposium	Curtin Mauritius campus
9 Feb	Thursday	Course Day 8	Group presentation planning / Research symposium	Curtin Mauritius campus
10 Feb	Friday	Course Day 9	Student group presentations / Research symposium Evening High-level Public Event at CTC/CM-	Curtin Mauritius campus
11 Feb	Saturday	Weekend	Staff and students depart from Mauritius over the weekend	Hotel
12 Feb	Sunday	Weekend		