

A Report on the Panel Discussion cum Interactive Session

The department of Political Science (PG), St. Joseph's College (Autonomous) organized a panel discussion cum interactive session on "Understanding Russia – Ukraine Crises: Global implication" in collaboration the Naga Scholars' Association (Kohima Unit) at the Conference hall of the Post Graduate block, St. Joseph's College (Autonomous) Jakhama. The panelists were Dr. Tovika Swu, the Head of Political Science Department, Don Bosco College, Kohima, Dr. Ketoukhrie-ü, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science Kohima College, Kohima, Ms. Eyonu Jecenu Hibo and Mr. Huto A. Chisho. The latter two are IV Semester students of Political Science department of St. Joseph's College (Autonomous).



Dr. Swu brooded over the non-justification of invading a sovereign nation, and the security challenges of Russia on event of Ukraine joining the NATO. Alongside with the above perspectives, he also deliberated on the American perspective and countries benefitting from the current Russia-Ukraine Crisis. Contextualizing the Russia –

Ukraine crisis, he pondered on the global implications of the crisis, which is felt in the sharp increase of fuel prices.

Dr. Ketoukhrie-ü on the other hand emphasized on the role of the United Nations and particular the role of India in de-escalating the Russia – Ukraine Crisis. She pin point on India’s neutrality and her abstinence from the UN voting on Russia – Ukraine Crisis. Not watering down the ties and the relationship between India and Russia, Dr. Ketoukhrie-ü presented a discourse on the humanitarian crisis emerging out of the Russia – Ukraine Crisis, which is further compounded due countries remaining as mute spectators and not doing enough to de-escalate the crisis.

Ms. Hibo opened her presentation with a deep insight on the NATO’s history and NATO’s stand on Ukraine. Further on in her deliberation, she expounded the growing decent between Russia and Ukraine, which not only posed as threat to the NATO but also the European Union. And, Mr. Chisho presented Russia’s perspective on Ukraine, the invasion of Ukraine, and the ever expanding of the NATO, which Russia saw it as a threat and resisted it.

The panel discussion was moderated by Dr. Aosunep, Assistant Professor, St. Joseph’s College (Autonomous) and Joint Secretary Naga Scholars’ Association (Kohima Unit). The moderator – Dr. Aosunep, reiterated the importance of India’s role on the crisis and pointed the fact of foreign diplomats visiting India including the Foreign Minister of Russia. After the presentation by the panelists, the floor was opened for discussion.

While Dr. Mhonthung Yanthan, the Head of Political Science Department, St. Joseph’s College (Autonomous) gave the welcome address, the vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Kelühol Tase, the General Secretary of Naga Scholars’ Association (Kohima Unit).