

## **Department of International Studies**

### **ALUMNI CAREER WEBINAR SERIES**

The Department has launched a series of webinars to host the alumni of the Department who are excelling in their careers across the globe. We thought it would be a very fruitful way of engaging with the meritorious and successful alumni and to showcase them as role models and inspiration for the present batch of students.

The idea was to highlight and focus on interesting and exciting career opportunities for the students of International Studies. It is an initiative to create an interface between the alumni and the present students in order to motivate them and guide them in the right direction to pursue a career of their dreams. The Alumni will speak about how the Course has helped them to identify their careers and goals and achieve them as well.

#### **1. Alumni Career Webinar Series -I was held on 23 May 2020 and was attended by 56 participants**

##### **The Journey of a Humanitarian Worker**

**Mr.Sylvain Lefort, Country Director, Mines Advisory Group, Beirut Lebanon**

(Batch of 2007 -08 ,Exchange Programme student from a Catholic University, ICES Nantes, France). He spoke on "*The Impact of the Covid 19 Pandemic on Conflict Zones-Syria and Lebanon And the Challenges of Humanitarian Interventions in Conflicts*". He spoke about the opportunities in International Organisations as well as International NGOs and also the procedures and processes to apply for the same. He spoke about the requirements for such job opportunities as well as the precautions and safety measures to be adopted. He inspired the students with his dedication and successful journey as a humanitarian aid worker in conflict zones such as Syria and Lebanon. He also touched upon the International relations issues such as internal armed conflict, refugee crisis, IDPs etc