GENDER AND LITERATURE

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TYPE OF COURSE : Rerun | Elective | PG | UG
COURSE DURATION : 8 weeks (17 Aug’ 20 - 9 Oct’ 20)
EXAM DATE : 17 Oct 2020

PRE-REQUISITES : BA in English
INTENDED AUDIENCE : UG and PG students of English and Cultural Studies
INDUSTRIES APPLICABLE TO : N/A

COURSE OUTLINE :
Gender and Literature is an examination of selected literary texts and cultural conditions from the standpoint of gender theory. It will draw on established scholarship on gender studies and take the student through the various configurations and reconfigurations that determine gendered classifications such as masculinity and femininity.

ABOUT INSTRUCTOR :
Dr Avishek Parui is Assistant Professor in English at IIT Madras and Associate Fellow of the UK Higher Education Academy. He researches and supervises PhDs on medical humanities, masculinity studies, narrative studies, memory studies and postmodernism. His recent book Postmodern Literatures, has been published by Orient Blackswan.

COURSE PLAN :
Week 1: Introduction to Gender Studies in Literature
Week 2: Munshi Premchand “The Chess Players”
Week 3: George Orwell “Shooting an Elephant”
Week 4: Heart of Darkness by Joseph Conrad
Week 5: “The Fly” by Katherine Mansfield
Week 6: Look Back in Anger by John Osborne
Week 7: Gender, Films and Advertisements
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