SOCIOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVES ON MODERNITY

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TYPE OF COURSE : Rerun | Elective | UG/PG
COURSE DURATION : 12 weeks (20 Jul’ 20 - 9 Oct’ 20)
EXAM DATE : 18 Oct 2020

PRE-REQUISITES : None
INTENDED AUDIENCE : UG and PG students of Humanities and Social Sciences, Sciences and Engineering

COURSE OUTLINE :
The objective of the course is to enable students to understand modernity as a socio-cultural product in specific socio-historical contexts. The course exposes students to theoretical perspectives to look at modernity and its constituents as a practice deeply embedded in culture and society. It familiarises students with encountering problems in their everyday life from more rationalist perspectives. It attempts to critically engage with and interrogate the multiple views on modernity.

ABOUT INSTRUCTOR :

COURSE PLAN :
Week 1: Introduction: Modernity as a project of Enlightenment
Week 2: Modernist paradigm in sociology: modern science, industrialisation and development
Week 3: Sociological modernism: Marx, Weber and Simmel
Week 4: Sociological modernism: Marx, Weber and Simmel(cont’d)
Week 5: Sociological modernism: Marx, Weber and Simmel(cont’d)
Week 6: Structuralist interpretation: Levi-Strauss and Althusser
Week 7: Structuralist interpretation: Levi-Strauss and Althusser(cont’d)
Week 8: Western Marxism: Lukacs, Gramsci and Touraine
Week 9: Western Marxism: Lukacs, Gramsci and Touraine(cont’d)
Week 10: Synthesising modernity: Wallerstein, Giddens and Habermas
Week 11: Deconstructing modernity, modernity in non-modern contexts, the idea of alternative or multiple modernities
Week 12: Reflexivity: dialectic of engaging with and interrogating modernity