DISABILITY STUDIES: AN INTRODUCTION

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TYPE OF COURSE: New | Elective | UG/PG
COURSE DURATION: 8 weeks (29 Jul'19 - 20 Sep'19)
EXAM DATE: 29 Sep 2019

INTENDED AUDIENCE: Students currently pursuing any degree in Sciences and Humanities, Rehabilitation professionals and Students of special education

COURSE OUTLINE:
This is a broad outline on the emerging field of disability studies. Disability studies is an interdisciplinary field cutting across disciplines such as Literature, Political Theory, and Assistive Technology.

ABOUT INSTRUCTOR:
Prof. Hemachandran Karah teaches English Literature at the Humanities and Social Sciences Department of IIT Madras. He is interested in researching on themes such as disability, health, the language question, literary criticism, and musicology.

COURSE PLAN:
Week 2: Key Concepts: Ableism Part 1&2 Disability Activism, Models of Disability Activism, Dependency, Interdependency
Week 3: Key Concepts: Blindness, Blindness as metaphor, Eugenics, Disability Pride, Disability Resilience, Disability Passing
Week 4: Disabilities, Ideas and Disciplines: Assistive Technology: An interview with Prof. Madhusudan Rao, Disability and Ethnography: An Interview with Prof. James Staple
Week 6: Disabilities, Ideas and Disciplines: Dyslexia and the Modern University: An Interview with Prof Tanya Titchkosky, Gender and Disability: Interviews with Prof. Anita Ghai and Prof. Nandini Ghosh
Week 7: Disabilities, Ideas and Disciplines: The Normal and its End: An interview with Prof. Lenard Davis, Literary Disability Studies: An Interview with Dr. Shilpa Anand, What is Deaf Culture? An Interview with Dr. Michele Friedner,
Week 8: Literature, Disability and Health: Disability and Life Writing, Disability and Metaphor, Narrative Medicine, Conclusion