TWENTIETH CENTURY FICTION

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TYPE OF COURSE : Rerun | Elective | UG/PG
COURSE DURATION : 12 weeks (18 Jan’ 21 - 09 Apr’ 21)
EXAM DATE : 24 Apr 2021

PRE-REQUISITES : B.A in English or Cultural Studies
INTENDED AUDIENCE : Students pursuing B.A and M.A in English or Cultural Studies

COURSE OUTLINE :
This course seeks to study some of the key texts in late nineteenth-century and twentieth-century fiction that engage with issues such as imperialism, modernity, trauma, embodiment, agency and identity. Through a careful study of selected literary texts and their cultural contexts, the course aims to offer a complex understanding of fiction, reality and representation.

ABOUT INSTRUCTOR :
Prof. 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, memory studies and postmodernism. His recent book Postmodern Literatures, has been published by Orient Blackswan.

COURSE PLAN :
Week 1: Introduction; The Postmaster
Week 2: Heart of Darkness
Week 3: Prufrock and Other Observations
Week 4: The Waste Land
Week 5: Dubliners
Week 6: Mrs Dalloway
Week 7: Ulysses
Week 8: The Fly
Week 9: Solid Objects
Week 10: Toba Tek Singh
Week 11: The Chess Players
Week 12: Conclusion