INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL IDEOLOGIES: CONTEXTS, IDEAS, AND PRACTICES

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TYPE OF COURSE : Rerun | Elective | UG/PG
COURSE DURATION : 12 weeks (18 Jan’ 21 - 9 Apr’ 21)
EXAM DATE : 24 Apr 2021

INTENDED AUDIENCE : Any Interested learners

COURSE OUTLINE:

The course aims to provide an understanding of the ways political actions and events are informed by ideas of the state, of political membership, and of human nature and human action. It also aims to assist students to make informed judgments about political events and developments in the light of the ideologies covered, and to evaluate the ideologies themselves in relation to political or other appropriate events. Throughout the course, the theory is supported by examples, many of which are drawn from current or recent events of many kinds, such as major policies, court rulings, or social developments.

ABOUT INSTRUCTOR :
Arvind Sivaramakrishnan is a Guest Faculty and former Visiting Professor in the Department of Humanities at the Indian Institute of Technology Madras, where he has taught since July 2015. From 2008 to 2014 Dr Sivaramakrishnan was Senior Deputy Editor on the Hindu, writing editorials, specialist articles, and book reviews on international politics, public policy, and political theory; he combined his duties with teaching and research as an Associate Professor at the Asian College of Journalism, Chennai. He took his degree, a postgraduate diploma in social administration, and doctorate as well as a professional teaching qualification at the University of Southampton, where he also taught politics; he also holds a British qualification in teaching English as a foreign language. He has published a range of academic papers in politics, political philosophy, public policy, and related fields, and has conducted research seminars and research training sessions at universities in the European Union and India.

COURSE PLAN :
Week 1: Fascism
Week 2: Conservatism
Week 3: Liberalism
Week 4: Marx
Week 5: Anarchism
Week 6: Feminism
Week 7: Ecologism
Week 8: Poststructuralism and Postmodernism
Week 9: Theocracy and Fundamentalism
Week 10: Technocracy and Managerialism
Week 11: Nationalism
Week 12: Republicanism and Citizenship