FEMINISM: CONCEPTS AND THEORIES

TYPE OF COURSE: New | Core | UG
COURSE DURATION: 12 weeks (27 Jan’ 20 - 17 Apr’ 20)
EXAM DATE: 26 Apr 2020

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PRE-REQUISITES: Nil
INTENDED AUDIENCE: Undergraduates, Graduates, Undergraduate Instructors, General Audience

COURSE OUTLINE:
This course will evaluate the rise and trajectory of the feminist movement and concepts surrounding feminism. We will look at the ways in which feminism has developed, its mandate, its goals, its necessity, and its contemporary import. Through case studies, literature, ethnography, and theory, we will examine how it matters and why it is critical to our everyday lives.

ABOUT INSTRUCTOR:
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COURSE PLAN:
Week 1: Introduction History and Vocabulary
Week 2: Key Concepts - 1
Week 3: Key Concepts - 2
Week 4: Key Concepts - 3
Week 5: The Three Waves of Feminism
Week 6: The Feminist Body
Week 7: Feminism and Work/ Labour
Week 8: Indian Feminism
Week 9: Feminism in Film and Theatre
Week 10: Popular Culture, Social Media and Feminism
Week 11: Gender, queer theory, and post-structuralism
Week 12: Learnings and conclusions