GLOBALIZATION: THEORETICAL PERSPECTIVES

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TYPE OF COURSE: New | Core | PG
COURSE DURATION: 12 Weeks (18 Jan’ 21 - 09 Apr’ 21)
EXAM DATE: 24 Apr 2021

PRE-REQUISITES: Familiarity with introductory sociological courses is preferable

INTENDED AUDIENCE: PhD, Postgraduate and undergraduate students of social sciences

COURSE OUTLINE:
This course aims to introduce students to some of the central debates in social theory on globalization. It aims to engage with the following broad theoretical concerns of globalization: Modernity and late/post modernity; spatial and temporal aspects of globalization; cultural, socio-political and technological transformations in a global world. It engages with these themes by analyzing some of the most important scholars of globalization. The course also examines certain specific themes in Indian society to illustrate their engagement with the process of globalization.

ABOUT INSTRUCTOR:
Dr. R. Santhosh teaches sociology at the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Madras. He specializes in field of sociology of religion, focusing on Hindu and Islamic religiosity in the late modern contexts in India.

COURSE PLAN:
Week 1: Introduction to globalization debates and social theory
Week 2: Cultural globalization: George Ritzer, Samuel Huntington, Arjun Appadurai and others
Week 3: Cultural globalization: George Ritzer, Samuel Huntington, Arjun Appadurai and others (Cont’d)
Week 4: Globalization and modernity debates: Anthony Giddens, David Harvey and Ulrich Beck
Week 5: Globalization and modernity debates: Anthony Giddens, David Harvey and Ulrich Beck (Cont’d)
Week 6: Globalization, spatiality and networks: Manuel Castells, Saskia Sassen etc
Week 7: Globalization, spatiality and networks: Manuel Castells, Saskia Sassen etc (Cont’d)
Week 8: Globalization, risk societies and changing forms of nation state: Ulrich Beck
Week 9: Anti-globalization theorization: The Empire and alternate imaginations
Week 10: Globalization and Indian society: Substantive themes and illustrations
Week 11: Globalization and Indian society: Substantive themes and illustrations (Cont’d)
Week 12: Conclusion and summing up of the course