

Out of Syllabus

I. Starting Off (November'21 - January'22)

Session 1

Dipesh Chakrabarty, *The Climate of History: Four Theses* [2009], and Sandeep Banerjee, *Beyond the Intimations of Mortality* [2017]

Session 2

Hannah Arendt, *The Human Condition* [1958]

Session 3

Mahasweta Devi, *Draupadi* [1981]

II. The Muslim Question (March'22 - May'22)

Session 1

Darryl Li, *The Universal Enemy: Jihad, Empire, and the Challenge of Solidarity* [2019]

Session 2

Darren Byler, *Terror Capitalism: Uyghur Dispossession and Masculinity in a Chinese City* [2021]

Session 3

Saaed Naqvi, *The Muslim Vanishes* [2022]

III. Production of Space (July '22 - September '22)

Sessions 1-5

Henri Lefebvre, *The Production of Space* [1974]

Two-Term Series: History of Ideas

IV. Emergence of the West (November '22 - January '23)

Session 1 - The Birth of Christianity

The Bible, New Testament, Paul's Epistle to the Romans (55 CE)

Session 2 - A New Ethics and Politics

St. Augustine, City of God. (426 CE)

Session 3 - On Just Rule

St. Francis of Assisi, The Six Letters (1181 – 1226 CE)

Session 4 - Universalism and the Human Condition

John Locke, An Essay Concerning Human Understanding (1689 CE)

Session 5 - Progress of History

Hegel, The Philosophy of History (1837 CE)

V. On the Postcolony (March '23 - May '23)

Session 1 - The Other Within I

Karl Marx, The Jewish Question [1844]

Session 2 - The Other Within II

Antonio Gramsci, The Southern Question [1926]

Session 3 - Guilt, Repression and Civilization

Sigmund Freud, Civilization and its Discontents [1930]

Session 4 - Race and the Education of Desire

Franz Fanon, Black Skin, White Masks (Introduction and Ch. 5) [1952]

Session 5 - The Mind Colonised

Ngugi wa Thiongo, Decolonising the Mind [1986]

Session 6 - Possibility after Colonization

Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, Americanah [2013]

Two-Term Series: History of Meaning

VI. On Structuralism (July '23 - September '23)

Session 1 - Signs, Symbols and Words

Terry Eagleton, *Literary Theory: An Introduction, Structuralism and Semiotics* (1983)

Session 2 - A World Filled with Signs

Ferdinand de Saussure, *Course in General Linguistics* (1916)

Session 3 - A World Filled with Signs (contd.)

Roman Jakobson, *The Metaphoric and Metonymic Poles* (1956)

Session 4 - Structure in Social Imagination

Claude Lévi-Strauss, *Four Winnebago Myths* (1960)

Session 5 - Connections

Edmund Leach, *Culture and Communication: The Logic by which Symbols Are Connected* (1976)

Session 6 - After Structure

Roland Barthes, *The Death of the Author* (1967)

VII. After Structure (November '23 - January '24)

Session 1 - Reason

Jacques Lacan, *The Agency of the Letter in the Unconscious, or Reason Since Freud* (1957)

Session 2 - Inside/Outside

Jacques Derrida, *Structure, Sign, and Play in the Discourse of the Human Sciences* (1966)

Session 3 - Subjectivation

Michel Foucault, *The Hermeneutics of the Subject* (1981-82)

Session 4 - Abjection

Julia Kristeva, Powers of Horror: An Essay on Abjection (1980)

Session 5 - Speech/Performance

Judith Butler, Excitable Speech: Politics of the Performative (1997)

Session 6 - Possibility

Anand Pandian, A Possible Anthropology: Methods for Uneasy Times (2019)

VIII. Vita: Life Force (March '24 - May '24)

Session 1: Life Force

João Biehl and Torben Eskerod, Vita: Life in a Zone of Social Abandonment (2013)

Session 2: Interiority

Stefania Pandolfo, Knot of the Soul: Madness, Psychoanalysis, Islam (2018)

Session 3: Pain

Veena Das, "Language and Body: Transactions in the Construction of Pain" (1997)

Session 4: Alienation

E. Valentine Daniel, "Suffering Nation and Alienation" (1997)

Session 5: Varuna-Mitra

Bhriqupati Singh, Poverty and the Quest for Life: Spiritual and Material Striving in Rural India (2015)

Session 6: Closing

Naisargi Dave, Indifference: On the Praxis of Interspecies Being (2023)

IX. Death (July '24 - September '24)

Session 1 - Introduction

Leo Tolstoy, The Death of Ivan Ilych (1886)

Session 2 - Dying is an Art

Michael Taussig, "Dying Is an Art, like Everything Else" (2001)

Session 3 - Grief

Renato Rosaldo, The Day of Shelly's Death: The Poetry and Ethnography of Grief (2013)

Session 4 - Pain

Talal Asad, "Notes On Body Pain And Truth In Medieval Christian Ritual" (1983)

Session 5 - Remains

Ravi Nandan Singh, Dead in Banaras: An Ethnography of Funeral Travelling (2023)

Session 6 - End

Vivek Narayanan, After (2023)