



# INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL IDEOLOGIES: CONTEXTS, IDEAS, AND PRACTICES

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**TYPE OF COURSE** : Rerun| Elective | UG/PG

**COURSE DURATION** : 12 weeks ( 24 Jan 22 - 15 Mar 22)

**EXAM DATE** : 23 Apr 2022

**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 :**

Prof. Arvind Sivaramakrishnan is a member of the 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 taught at Suffolk College, Ipswich, the Centre for Economic and Social Studies, Hyderabad, Southampton Institute of Higher Education (now Southampton Solent University), and Tauntons College (now Richard Taunton College), Southampton. 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. His books include Introduction to Political Ideologies (2017), Public Interest Journalism (2014), Public Policy and Citizenship (2012), Short on Democracy (2007), and Through a Glass Wall (2007). He is currently coediting a volume on Indian democracy with Dr Sudarsan Padmanabhan of IIT Madras; this is expected to appear in December 2019 under the title Indian Democracy: Contradictions and Reconciliations.

## **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