THE CULTURES OF RESOURCE EXTRACTION: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

Global Initiative on Academic Network (GIAN) Course

Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad / Virtual Course

OVERVIEW

The intent of this course is to develop a through-going analysis of the culture and politics of planetary resource extraction.

Though resource extraction has been a central, organizing dynamic of the human experience, only recently have scholars begun to bring into focus the significance of extraction as a fundamental mechanism through which power is exerted and disparities of wealth and opportunity generated.

With an emphasis on Canada and India—two (post)colonial spaces with distinct if intertwined histories of extraction—this course will provide participants with the conceptual tools to re-imagine and re-narrate the social and cultural experiences of colonialism, postcolonialism, globalization, and neoliberalism through the lens of extraction.



FACULTY

Imre Szeman

Imre Szeman is University Research Chair of Environmental Communication at the University of Waterloo and co-founder of the Petrocultures Research Group, which explores the socio-cultural dimensions of energy use and its implications for energy transition and climate change.



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Aalok Khandekar is Assistant Professor of Anthropology/ Sociology at the Department of Liberal Arts at Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad and Editor-in-Chief of Engaging Science, Technology, and Society (ESTS), the open access journal of the Society for Social Studies of Science (4S).



Swaralipi Nandi

Swaralipi Nandi is Assistant Professor of English at Loyola Academy, Hyderabad. She is the co-editor of Spectacles of Blood: A Study of Masculinity and Violence in Postcolonial Films and Oil Fictions: World Literature and Our Contemporary Petrosphere.

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During this course we will: provide an account of the practices of resource appropriation and expropriation and the environmental consequences of these practices; explore the impact of extraction on culture and its differential impacts on class, race, gender, and identity; examine the relationship of extraction to power by mapping sites and flows of control over energy networks; engage with the long-term cultural, political, and environmental effects of colonial extraction on the Indian sub-continent and explore the cultural representation of these effects; interrogate histories of resource culture in Canada, with attention to its impact on indigenous communities, and as represented in theory, literature, and culture; probe the politics of climate fiction and petrofiction, and investigate filmic depictions of extraction and its consequences; and imagine the future of extraction zones and the possible impact of climate change activism on resource extraction.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

This course is intended for M.A. and Ph.D. students, as well as early career researchers.

The participation fee for joining this course is as follows:

Free for IITH-affiliated participants and Loyola Academy, Hyderabad students

Students and Independent Scholars: INR 1,000

Individuals based in Non-Profit Organizations: INR 2,000 + 18% GST = INR 2,360

Individuals based in for-profit organizations: INR 5,000 + 18% GST = INR 5,900

Participants Outside India: INR 10,000 + 18% GST = INR 11.800

Venue: Online Synchronous

Deadline to register: August 10, 2022

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