

# About IIT Kharagpur



Kharagpur - a dusty town tucked away in the eastern corner of India, famous until 1950 as home to the longest railway platform in the world - became the nursery where the seed of the IIT system was planted in 1951. IIT Kharagpur started its journey in the old Hijli Detention Camp in Eastern India, where some of the country's great freedom fighters toiled and sacrificed their lives for India's independence. Spurred by the success of IIT Kharagpur, four younger IITs sprouted around the country in the two following decades, and from these five came thousands of IITians, the brand ambassadors of modern India. It was the success of this one institution at Kharagpur that wrote India's technological odyssey.

The Institute takes pride in its relentless effort to provide the best platform for both education as well as research in the areas of science and technology, humanities and social sciences, law, management, and medical science and technology. IITKGP is not just a place of learning, but the place where students are taught to dream about the future of humanity and beam across disciplines, making differences enough to change the world.

## Program Features/ Structure

Classroom Lectures - 50%  
Discussion and Debate - 25%  
Interaction with Faculty - 25%

## Program Schedule and Venue

1 Week, 14 to 20 December 2020 (9:30 AM to 5 PM)  
IIT Kharagpur - Department of Humanities and Social Sciences

## Program Fee

**NIL** for AICTE-QIP sponsored participants  
**For others - INR 5,000/-** (Five thousand) + GST @18% per participant

## Who will benefit

Teachers and scholars of Liberal Arts Programs interested in Critical Theory and Feminism; faculty of AICTE institutes

## Last Day of Registration

1

December 2020

## Accommodation

Accommodation will be provided to the AICTE-QIP sponsored candidates at the Campus Guest House. For other participants, the same will be provided on chargeable basis as per rule

## How to Apply

Use the link <https://erp.iitkgp.ac.in/CEP/courses.htm> to apply ONLINE



Payment if applicable is to be done **ONLINE** after getting short listed for the program.

# Contact Us

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# AICTE QIP

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM  
INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY  
KHARAGPUR

NEW LESSONS IN CRITICAL HUMANITIES  
GROUNDING POSTHUMAN  
AND EXPERIMENTAL  
FEMINISMS  
IN NATIONALISTIC  
INDIA

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## Overview

Feminism as an academic discipline has always pushed Theory to its limits, and in doing so has also created new percepts and mathemes to further its edifice. After the Fifth Wave and MeToo, it is the search for feminist agency within the contours of Posthumanism, and a critique of neoliberal corporate feminism by radical feminist activists that fuel the engine of academic feminism. This course offers an introduction to a possible redefinition of feminism in our 'nationalistic' times, and a schizoanalytic, psychoanalytic and dialectical examination of feminisms in India and around the globe.

## Objective

The primary objective of the course is to ground the new and changing nuances of posthuman and experimental feminisms in the 'nationalistic' world. The course offers an introduction to key theoretical and philosophical concepts like Posthumanism, Psychoanalysis and Schizoanalysis. The course also prepares an avenue for interaction and debate for future theorists and helps them orient themselves around the critical questions raised by contemporary feminism.

## What You Will Learn

The Five Waves of Feminism

History of Humanism

Feminism and the Humanist Concern

Indian Feminisms — Dalit Feminism, Postcolonial Feminism

Cultural Feminism and Revolutionary Feminism

Feminism for the 99%

Posthumanism

Futural Feminisms

Posthuman Feminisms

Schizoanalysis and Feminism

Posthuman Epistemology — Feminism, Sexuality, Gender

Non-anthropocentric Feminism

Becoming Woman

## About the Faculty

### Coordinator

Dr Saswat Samay Das teaches Critical Theory in the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Kharagpur. He is a scholar of Deleuze Studies, Critical Theory and Continental Thinking, and is currently working in interdisciplinary areas including experimental feminism, posthumanism and eco-politics.

### Co-Coordinator

Dr Bhagirath Behera teaches Environmental Economics in the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Kharagpur. He is a prolific scholar of Deep Ecology and Social Justice, and his concerns include feminism, posthuman ecology and the Anthropocene.