

Concept note on Course Design and Focus
12th RC in Human Rights, 28 April to 18 May 2016

Theme

Contours of Human Rights: Issues and Emerging Challenges

The Course Design Committee for the upcoming Refresher Course in Human Rights, scheduled to be held from 28 April – 18 May 2016, met on 01 April 2016 in the UGC-HRDC. The Meeting was attended by Prof. Anisur Rahman, Offg. Director, UGC-HRDC, Prof. M Shafiq, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, Prof. S A M Pasha, Head, Department of Political Science, Prof. Mohd. Badrul Alam, Department of Political Science, JMI, Prof. Kadloor Savitri, Department of Political Science, JMI, Dr. Azra Khursheed of the UGC-HRDC, JMI. The Course Design Committee deliberated on the theme and focus of the RC in Human Rights. Accordingly, the above mentioned theme was identified along with some of the topics and areas to be covered during the 3-week course.

The course design revolves around three main foci to cover aspects of epistemology, issues and challenges, and human rights of specific groups. The course will be coordinated by Prof. Kadloor Savitri, Department of Political Science, Jamia Millia Islamia.

The main topics identified in the meeting were as follows:

- Understanding the discipline of human rights.
- Concept of rights, National and International Perspectives on Human Rights.
- Philosophical foundations of human rights, Non-Western/ alternative trajectories.
- Pluralism, Secularism and Multiculturalism,
- Constituent Assembly Debates, Equality and Discrimination
- How to prepare a research proposal,
- Rights of Minorities, Dalits, Linguistic Groups, Refugees, Migrant Workers, Tribal Groups, Women's rights, Issues of Gender and Governance
- Human Security in India with respect to Sustainable Development Goals
- Armed Conflict, self-determination, nationalism, Child soldiers
- Environment, Global justice, Human Rights in South Asia (Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh)

The General pool of Resource Persons:

Sushila Ramaswamy, A S Narang, Ujjwal Kumar Singh, M S Bhat, Sujit Datta, Anupama Roy, Ravi Nair, B Srinivas, Shefali Jha, Mathew Joseph, S Sahadevan, Sanjeev Kumar H M, SRTPS Raju, Kumar Suresh, Rumki Basu, M B Alam, Ajay Kumar Singh, Sanjoy Hazarika, J Moosa, and other scholars well known in their area of research.

The issues and topics identified above are broad and symptomatic in nature and may include lectures on various sub themes to achieve coherent, comprehensive and informed understanding of the discipline.

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Coordinator, 12th RC in Human Rights, 2016