

A History of Oppression-Causes and Consequences (A brief guide to critical thinking)

Overview

This course explores how deep-rooted historical imprinting, wrong tailored spiritual and intellectual traditions have led to oppressive relationships- worldwide exclusion of members of society, systematic killing the nature-animals, ecosystems, plants. The course aims to reconstruct and understand the causes of this process with focus on disability studies. Participants will be encouraged to think critically about traditional approaches to disability and the world around ourselves, understand relevant international historical steps that lead to what we now call disability law. Participants will learn to appreciate how new science and technology is changing the oppressive relationships of the 21st century world and be lent a perspective to think about a new spiritual approach in disability and public policy

Lecture plans introduce participants to faces of oppression and disability models and further leads to the role of mythology, religion, and philosophy in creating a non-supportive environment. A discussion on disability rights movement in the post-modern age and its relationship with the changing role of science.

Dates and Participation	Dates: 19th March to 29th March, 2018 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Number of participants for the course will be limited to Sixty (60). However effort will be made to constitute a class from all of the below mentioned callings.
You Should Attend If...	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• You are a human rights or disability rights activist or practitioner• You are a person with disability or working with disabled people's organization or working with an NGO• You are a student or researcher or faculty from an academic institution interested in comprehending the disability studies and critical thinking.
Registration Fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Activist, Professionals, Lawyers, Faculty Rs. 7,000/- (Rupees Seven Thousand only)• Students/Researcher Rs. 5,000 (Rupees Five Thousand only)• The above fee will include all instructional materials, computer use for tutorials and assignments, 24 hour free internet facility.• Accommodation is available upon payment on first come first basis. Participants needing accommodation must inform organizers at the time of registration.• Last date for registration: 12th March, 2018.

The Faculty



Prof. Gyorgy Konczei, ELTE University, Budapest (Hungary), teaches (Critical) Disability Studies, a course he developed informed by his interaction with and learning from disability rights movement over past three decades now. Prof. Konczei has been a consultant and policy analyst to governments and civil society groups at national and international level. He has been involved in preparing the Act No. XXVI. of 1998 on the rights and equal opportunities of persons with disabilities; created [Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities](#) in Vienna and the [European Social Charter Revised](#) in Strasbourg. He has closely worked with representatives of governments and civil society groups on UNCRPD during 2004-2007. Prof. Konczei served as a member of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities for two years in Geneva, Switzerland. He has authored several academic papers and books and is a Fulbright Research Professor in CUNY, Brooklyn College. He finds interest in researching on the legal, historical, sociological and economic dimension of disability.



Dr. Neha Pathakji, Assistant Professor, NALSAR University of Law holds interest in researching the interplay between disability laws and corporation. Her doctoral work makes a case for imposing corporation with obligations to create an accessible virtual world for persons with disabilities and offered strategies for corporate compliance. She has also been a researcher with the Legal Consultant appointed to the Committee for Drafting UNCRPD compliant Disability Laws in India by the Central Government and researched on India's First Country Report on UNCRPD.

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