

COURSE OUTLINE

Course Code / Title : HA4038 Critical International Theory

Pre-requisites : HA1001, HA1002

No. of AUs. : 4

Contact Hours : 52

Course Aims

The course introduces a diverse set of theories and concepts that critiques and criticizes traditional IR theories. We will intervene in existing IR debates, from these critical perspectives, while introducing cutting-edge research that pushes the disciplinary boundaries of international relations.

Intended Learning Outcomes (ILO)

By the end of the course, you should be able to:

1. Identify and describe critical international theories
2. Critique both status quo theories and critical theories
3. Illustrate the relevance of critical thought to real-world cases
4. Develop a holistic, broad-based understanding of the field of international relations

Course Content

1. Introduction to critical theories
2. Politics of knowledge production
3. Post-colonial thought
4. Gendering the state
5. Practice theory
6. Mid-term Quiz
7. (Post)Humans, cyborgs, and technology
8. Emotions in IR
9. Neuroscience in IR
10. Class presentations
11. New materialism
12. The Politics of 'everyday'
13. Consultation

Course Assessment

Mid-Term Quiz : 30%

Individual Presentations : 30%

Class Participation : 20%

Group-led Tutorials : 20%

Total -----

100%