



LEADERSHIP@MIRANDA HOUSE

Rethinking the Obvious: The Rhetoric of Development

A Ten Week Self-financed Add-on Seminar Course

Offered by

MIRANDA HOUSE, UNIVERSITY OF DELHI

in collaboration with

**Elizabeth J. Somers Women's Leadership Program
THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY**





Course Description:

This is a 10 week, self-financed add-on course offered to students of Miranda House.

The course will focus on building concepts that can be used to examine the rhetoric of development: how development choices are made in India, and the implications of these choices. We want to examine the processes by which specific issues gain social consensus, priority and/or legitimacy. The idea is to build familiarity with a set of rhetorical concepts that can be used to critically examine these processes. The course will look at traditions in debate and rhetoric in India, as well as more contemporary representations of developmental issues: in media, in textbooks, and in the public discourse. The focus of the course will be on building critical thinking, writing and communication skills to enable participants to take on leadership positions in the future.

This course is imagined as one having strong synergies with the Elizabeth J. Somers Women's Leadership Program at the George Washington University. A parallel course runs at the George Washington University conducted by Dr. Steven Salchak. Students will have an opportunity for online interaction with faculty and students at GWU. Together, we hope to be able to generate a common vocabulary for analyzing rhetorical concepts. Students will also be required to collaborate online for group assignments.

On successful completion, participants will be awarded a certificate from Miranda House.





Course Structure

The course format will include seminars and workshops, with leading experts as speakers at the seminars. These seminars will be followed by analysis of issues and presentations on these analyses by students. Students will be evaluated continuously on their presentations, and class interaction. At the end of the course students will be required to submit an essay on a subject of their choice pertaining to issues raised in the course.

Eligibility:

The course is open only to BA (Honours)/BA(Program) Semester III and V students of Miranda House. Preference will be given to motivated students with a good scholastic record, good writing and speaking abilities.

Procedure for Application:

Application forms are available on the college website.

Completed forms may be e-mailed to leadership.program@mirandahouse.ac.in

Last date for Application: 12 August 2017

Announcement of Selections: 16 August 2017

Last date for payment of fees: Forenoon, 18 August 2017

Course Fees: Rs. 5000/=

(Fees, once paid, is not refundable)

Course Venue: Room 145





Course Schedule:

The course will be launched at 4.00 pm on Friday, 18 August 2017. Following that, sessions will be conducted every Wednesday and Friday, 4.00 pm to 5.30 pm.

Week	Date	Topic
1.	23 Aug	Inauguration: Dr. Pratibha Jolly Introduction: What is Rhetoric? Meeta Kumar, Reema Bhatia
	25 Aug	Invited Lecture/Seminar 1: Roma Chatterji, DSE
2.	30 Aug	Workshop on Rhetorical Analysis: Shivani Kapoor, SNU
	01 Sep	Workshop on Rhetorical Analysis: Shivani Kapoor, SNU
3.	06 Sep	Background Lecture: Propaganda, Public Opinion and Consensus: Meeta K
	08 Sep	Invited Lecture/Seminar 2: Vineet Kumar
4.	13 Sep	Students' Seminar/ Presentation
	15 Sep	Background Lecture: Social Movements, Reema Bhatia
5.	20 Sep	Invited Lecture/Seminar 3 TBA
	22 Sep	Invited Lecture/ Seminar 4 TBA
6.	04 Oct	Invited Lecture/Seminar 5 TBA
	06 Oct	Students' Seminar/ Presentation
7.	11 Oct	Invited Lecture 6: White Man's Burden as Rhetoric of Development: D. Mookerji, Ramjas
	13 Oct	Background Lecture: The Rhetoric of Poverty Alleviation: Meeta K
8.	25 Oct	Invited Lecture 7:
	27 Oct	Invited Lecture 8:
9	01 Nov	Invited Lecture 9:
	03 Nov	Students' Presentation; Deadline for submission of essay proposals
10.	08 Nov	Review of Essay Proposals
	10 Nov	Final Comments and Closing
	31 Dec	Deadline for submission of final essay

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