



INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY GANDHINAGAR

Humanities and Social Sciences discipline offers
a unique semester course on

INTRODUCTION TO INDIAN KNOWLEDGE SYSTEMS

JANUARY - APRIL 2017

INSTRUCTORS:

Prof K K Thaplyal (formerly of Lucknow University): Indian society seen through Buddhist literature and inscriptions | Guilds in ancient India | Village life in ancient India

Prof Himanshu Prabha Ray (formerly of Jawaharlal Nehru University): Our Founding Fathers: Archaeology and the Constitution of India | Fishing and sailing communities: the bedrock of India's maritime activity | 'Reading' coastal monuments and cultural diversity | Inscriptions across the oceans

Dr V N Prabhakar (IIT Gandhinagar): Glimpses of Harappan society

Prof Madhu Kishwar (ICSSR Maulana Azad National Professor): Indian vs. British legislative systems in colonial Society

Prof Susmita Basu Majumdar (University of Calcutta): Women in epigraphs: Exploring power, empowerment and dependence

Prof Suchandra Ghosh (University of Calcutta): Social structure in early Indian literature as seen through epigraphy

Dr V Selvakumar (Tamil University, Thanjavur): Early Tamil society through literature, epigraphy and archaeology

Prof Srinivas Reddy (IIT Gandhinagar): Travellers' accounts on Indian society: (1) The Portuguese | Indian society seen through the Bhakti movement | Indian society seen through folk and other storytelling traditions

Mr Michel Danino (IIT Gandhinagar): Did premodern India have a sense of history? A new take on an old question | Did 'tribes' exist in early Indian society? Ancient concepts of 'mainstream' and 'marginal' | Travellers' accounts on Indian society: (2) The French

An insider's perspective presented by accomplished scholars, who will offer a wide-ranging introduction to ancient India's intellectual, scientific and artistic knowledge traditions, and to early Indian society

Classes:

2-4 pm on Monday and Tuesday, starting January 9. (Not all days will be used; the detailed calendar will soon be uploaded on the course website.)

Venue:

IIT Gandhinagar, Palaj Campus, Gandhinagar, Gujarat

Who can attend this course:

Anyone seriously interested in studying Indian knowledge systems can audit the course after registering with the course coordinators. Those interested in crediting the course and receiving a certificate at the end should apply at www.iitgn.ac.in/non-degree.htm

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