INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY GANDHINAGAR

HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES DISCIPLINE OFFERS A UNIQUE SEMESTER COURSE ON

INTRODUCTION TO INDIAN KNOWLEDGE SYSTEMS

JANUARY – APRIL 2020

THIS YEAR'S THEME: **The Ancient "Idea of India"**

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

INSTRUCTORS

Prof Neelkanth Chhaya | formerly, CEPT University
Concepts and Practices of Architecture across India

Prof Michel Danino | IIT Gandhinagar
Foreign travellers' views of India — or of Indias?

Dr Meenakshi Jain | formerly Delhi University
Pan-Indian traditions of image worship and safeguarding

Prof Kapil Kapoor | formerly JNU, New Delhi
Pan-Indian intellectual traditions

Prof Shonaleeka Kaul | Centre for Historical Studies, JNU, New Delhi
Sanskrit Kāvya as History

Dr Nanditha Krishna | CPR Institute of Indological Research, Chennai
Traditions of sacred ecology across India

Prof Srinivas Reddy | Brown University, USA & IIT Gandhinagar
Pan-Indic concepts and practices of governance, political theory, moral instruction and ethics

Prof Jitendra Shah | L D Institute of Indology
Manuscript traditions of India and transmission of knowledge

Ms Mana Shah | IIT Gandhinagar
Pan-Indian traditions of pilgrimage

Prof Amita Sinha | formerly University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign, USA, scholar-in-residence, IIT Gandhinagar
India's sacred geography: The mandala landscape and the mandala in built form

Dr M D Srinivas | Centre for Policy Studies, Chennai
Pan-Indian traditions of science and technology

CLASSES
3:30 – 5:00 pm on Wednesdays and Thursdays, starting January 9. (Not all days will be used; the detailed calendar will soon be uploaded on the course website).

VENUE
Academic Building 1, Auditorium 102
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 through our website (see below).

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