



COURSE DESCRIPTION FOR PEACE AND CONFLICT MINOR PAPER 4

Name of Institute: Symbiosis School for Liberal Arts

Course Name: Peace and Conflict Studies Minor Paper 3-Politics of social justice

(UG/PG): UG

Number of Credits: 4 (60 hours)

Level: 4

Course Description:

The course will begin with the contemporary ideas on justice found in the western world, and question the need to add the 'social' component to it. It will deal with important modern thinkers who have worked on justice within the tradition of utilitarianism, libertarianism and communitarianism. After tracing the historical trajectory of the concept, the course will shift to the Indian variant of the idea of justice. In the concluding section the course will analyze ways of creating a more egalitarian global social order by building upon notions of democracy, morality and 'public good'. Concepts such as race, caste, women, subalterns and indigenous will be utilized to understand the scope as well as the claims to justice.

The course aims to develop a deeper understanding of the moral and political theory and contextualize it within the ongoing east-west dialogue. The larger aim of the course is to make students conscious of the 'Self' and the world surrounding them.