



Truth, Knowledge and Capitalism in the Anthropocene

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Overview

Today, Western thinking forms the techno-scientific apparatus of societies of hyper-control, built on the foundation of ubiquitous and reticular computing. This amounts to what Martin Heidegger called *Gestell* (enframing), which imposes itself as the digitalized merging of science and technology. In the epoch of data science, we find ourselves confronted forcefully (as what the Greeks called *hubris*) with the question of the status of technics with respect to knowledge in all its forms. It has thus become crucial to understand how and why from its very birth, with Plato, philosophy has made technics literally unthinkable, thereby establishing the unthought that then comes to constitute the threat of the Anthropocene.

The primary objectives of the course are:

- i) To understand the relation between technology and the idea of “man”, with specific attention to transhumanism,
- ii) To frame the philosophical questions posed by the digital world,
- iii) To grasp the thought of technology in Plato, Marx, Heidegger and Whitehead

Modules	A: Lectures: Daily 10 am to 12 noon B: Tutorials: Daily 1 pm to 3 pm (The course will be conducted over 2 weeks with 2 hr lectures and 2 hr tutorials daily) Number of participants for the course will be limited to fifty.
You Should Attend If...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ you are an engineer or research scientist interested in the relation between science and technology, and in the anthropocene. ▪ you are a Masters student, research scholar or faculty of philosophy interested in philosophy of technology from Plato to Whitehead, in questions of man’s relation to technology, and in understanding the Anthropocene. ▪ you are a Masters student, research scholar or faculty of Humanities and Social Science disciplines interested in technology and the Anthropocene.
Fees	Students & Research Scholars: Rs. 2500. Participants from abroad : US \$500 Industry/ Research Organizations: Rs. 20,000. Faculty & Academic Institutions: Rs. 4,000. The above fee includes all instructional materials, computer use for tutorials and assignments, 24 hr. free internet facility. The participants will be provided with accommodation in the hostel on payment basis, subject to availability.

The Faculty



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areas of expertise include Plato, Heidegger, Freud, Derrida, the history of anthropology, digital technology, and digital ontology. He is the author of *Technics and Time Vol. 1-3*, *Acting Out* and *Automatic Society Vol. 1: The Future of Work*.



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How to Apply

- 1) Please login to GIAN-MHRD website (<http://www.gian.iitkgp.ac.in>) to fill the application form
- 2) Submit your detailed CV and statement of purpose at gian.tka.iitd@gmail.com
- 3) Deadline for applications: **30th January 2018**.

For more details please contact the course coordinator.

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