

# QIP- sponsored 2 Day Short Term Course on

## “Confronting Evil - Interdisciplinary Perspectives on 21st Century Challenges”

March 1 – March 2, 2019



Indian Institute of Technology Delhi



### Programme Co-ordinators

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### Introduction

There is an urgency today to re-open the question of values, nihilism, and our sense of desirable futures under the heading of “evil”. Today, two senses of the term “evil” overlap and resound: “it is bad” and “everything is going wrong” as the planet, the climate, politics, egalitarian structures, and knowledge are in crisis. This course will examine and redefine the term ‘evil’ to address contemporary challenges from an inter-disciplinary perspective involving Philosophy, history, sociology, psychoanalysis, and technology studies.

### Programme Objectives

- to study the shift from theological to humanist definitions of “Evil” in Kant and Arendt
- to study the modern technological determinations of value in Nietzsche, Gandhi, Heidegger and Foucault
- to study the social, cultural and psychological attitudes to the future in accelerationist and apocalyptic figurations

### Pedagogy

The programme will consist of lectures by multiple experts from India and abroad, followed by intensive interactions.

### Programme Content

- The history of the concept of evil and the meaning of evil in our present
- Climate change and environmental catastrophes as evils for which we have responsibility

- Old and new racisms
- Poverty, precarity, and the relation of economics to evil;
- The relationship between the concepts of violence and evil
- The sense of community, responsibility and evil
- The relation between rights, evil, and justice and its relation to the politics of progress
- Technological understanding of Being; the “inevitability” argument of technological corporations and the erasure of responsibility for evil
- The concept of evil in relation to the “Other”

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### Registration

Please email a scanned copy of your duly filled registration form latest by 15 February, 2019 to [gipiitd@admin.iitd.ac.in](mailto:gipiitd@admin.iitd.ac.in) and send the hard copy along with DD\* of Rs. 500/- for registration fee in the favour of “Registrar IIT Delhi” payable at New Delhi.

**\*Registration fee is refundable for those, who participate in the event.**

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## REGISTRATION FORM

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Designation: \_\_\_\_\_

Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Current academic duties: \_\_\_\_\_

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DD Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Accommodation required\*: YES/NO \_\_\_\_\_

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