

Course Title: An Enquiry Into Freedom

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Objectives:

In this course we will explore our experience of freedom whether real or unreal .We desire freedom, we feel we have it, may be because our country won it sixty years back or we can buy what we want. In what way do we inherit the freedom, if we can inherit it at all, that some others won for themselves?

Isn't it rather we learn to want what we buy? We need to think deeply about this business of freedom. Are individual freedoms destined to clash with each other? Can we share our freedom and increase it? We may know what we are free from do we know what we are free for? We shall think about these questions methodically in this course.

Topics:

1. Theoretical issues:
 - A. Is freedom a value or a fact?
 - B. Real freedom and possible freedom.
 - C.What is a free society?
 - D.Is equality incompatible with freedom?
2. History of the notion:
 - A. Ancient societies-. Citizenship, slavery, myths.
 - B.Middle ages. -Religious debates, dogma and faith.
 - C.Renaissance Humanism and Enlightenment.
- 3.Areas of Freedom:
 - A. Democracy-Political freedom.
 - B.Nation-Nationalism Vs. Imperialism.
 - C: Capitalism -Economic freedom.
 - D.Science-Freedom to know.
 - E.Civil society-Individual freedom.
 - F.Culture-Freedom to be different.
 - G.Gender-Freedom from sexual stereotypes
4. Is this enough? :
 - Limits of freedom.
 - Going beyond freedom.