Objective of the course

The objective of the course is to introduce students to the current debates in Critical Theory on the modes of ways of reconciling and integrating claims for recognition with that of redistribution and representation; and further interrogate these theoretical propositions from the vantage point of ongoing debates and patterns through which both social movement and state policy have been demonstrating the propensity to move towards ‘trivalent approach’ towards social processes. The Contemporary Critical Theory is marked by overcoming dichotomies and binaries, and yet maintaining analytical distinction between the economic, political and the cultural process, based on the ‘dialectics of reconciliation’. In order to realize such dialectics it has inaugurated new combinatory formulation between materialist analysis that foregrounds the structures and totality, and post structuralism, discourse analysis and cultural studies. The current course would introduce students these theoretical categories through reading of series of texts that lay out the formulations, with special focus on the writings of Nancy Fraser, and her continued dialogue with Axel Honneth, Judith Butler, Richard Rorty, Iris Marion Young, Rener Forest, and Anne Phillips. The central theme marking the strong links between the various exchanges would be the overarching (common) concern of various thinkers to comprehend the emergent interface between recognition, redistribution and representation.

The other part of the course focuses on taking representative cases in India from contemporary political movements and state policy, around each of the axis to explore the specific mode in which integration has been made possible. In India group benefits are often linked to various identities, which belies false dichotomy between classes’ verses other purportedly, post material politics of recognition. Similarly, state policy such as reservations is based on the
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