



Course Description For Literary Imagination in the World

Name of Institute: Symbiosis School Of Liberal Arts

Course Name: Literary Imagination in the World

(UG/PG): UG, Elective

Number Of Credits: 4 (60 Hrs)

Level:

Course Description:

The relationship of literature to life, its truth-value and its ethical implications, has been debated in different cultural and historical contexts. Plato famously, or infamously, said he would banish poets from his ideal republic. Shelley, in 19th century England, called poets “unacknowledged legislators of the world”.

In the past few decades, literary critics and theorists have examined ways in which the representation of women and subjugated peoples in literary texts, has legitimized and perpetuated oppressive and divisive tendencies in society.

The course intends to explore the potential of the literary/aesthetic mode, to give us glimpses of alternatives to power-centric, divisive, violent modes of living with ourselves, others, and the natural world.