

# Social Movements and Transformative Politics

*Optional Course (M.A. 4<sup>th</sup> Semester)*

**Credits: 04**

The paper introduces students to the *conceptualization* of social movement, its *typologies* and *approaches*. While doing this, it locates social movements within the larger political economy. It looks at the major debates within social movements and seeks to develop equip students to understand and analyse social movements through a dialectical method that explains the interrelatedness of different socio-economic, political and cultural categories that *apparently* appear disconnected. It also aims to emphasise the *dynamism* of social movements in terms of their specific historical conjuncture as opposed to a *static* view of movements. Therefore, it would encourage students to explore how *apparently* non-modern social categories of mobilisation need not always be seen within a framework of contradictions of the traditional/non-modern and the modern. This would allow one to develop a definite idea of the identity-based mobilisations. In order to understand these dimensions of social movements this paper would take a journey of developments across the world. Using critical and innovative pedagogical methods this paper encourage students to look around them and understand and analyse the vast spectrum of social movements.

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