## Perspectives on the Ethics of Punishment in the United States and India

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## The Faculty

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## **Course Overview**

This course explores some of the enduring dimensions of the most important ethical issues in the area of criminal justice: crime, law, judgment, punishment, and mercy from the perspective of the United States and India. The course will utilize both classical and modern texts to trace the evolution of thought on these topics; it will analyze the multiple ways they are understood and expressed in the current context; and it will create the opportunity for participant to configure the most intellectually coherent and ethically sound understanding of these concepts in the current practice of criminal justice.

Modules	Who Can Attend the Course	Course Registration Fee
Module A: Introduction: an overview of the Criminal Justice System of our two countries; What is the nature of our violent and anti-social tendencies?; Why do we punish?; Who Do We Punish?; How do we punish?  Module B: Law and Judgment; Law and Violence; Is there justice without mercy?; Restorative justice; Summary and Concluding remarks	Students of <i>B.Tech, M.Sc/M.A, M.Tech/M.Phil,</i> and <i>Ph.D.</i> researchers, teachers, managers, technicians, legal experts, activists/journalists, policy makers, and social scientists.	Students/Scholars from recognized Universities/Institutions: Rs. 5000/ Members of Industry organizations or Corporates: Rs. 10000/ Members from abroad: US \$500.  Registration fee covers course material, working lunch, and refreshments during the course. Accommodation may be provided upon request. Payment should be through Demand Draft in favour of "Registrar, IIT Mandi" payable at Mandi, HP.

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