



# GENDER AND LITERATURE

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**PRE-REQUISITES :** BA in English

**INTENDED AUDIENCE :** UG and PG students of English and Cultural Studies

### **COURSE OUTLINE :**

Gender and Literature is an examination of selected literary texts and cultural conditions from the standpoint of gender theory. It will draw on established scholarship on gender studies and take the student through the various configurations and reconfigurations that determine gendered classifications such as masculinity and femininity.

### **ABOUT INSTRUCTOR :**

Prof. Avishek Parui is Assistant Professor in English at IIT Madras and Associate Fellow of the UK Higher Education Academy. He researches and supervises PhDs on medical humanities, masculinity studies, narrative studies, memory studies and postmodernism. His recent book Postmodern Literatures, has been published by Orient Blackswan.

### **COURSE PLAN :**

**Week 1:** Introduction to Gender Studies in Literature

**Week 2:** Munshi Premchand "The Chess Players"

**Week 3:** George Orwell "Shooting an Elephant"

**Week 4:** Heart of Darkness by Joseph Conrad

**Week 5:** "The Fly" by Katherine Mansfield

**Week 6:** Look Back in Anger by John Osborne

**Week 7:** Gender, Films and Advertisements

**Week 8:** Gender, Films and Advertisements ( Continuation)