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# Tackling Poverty and Inequality: Comparing Brazil, India, China and South Africa since 2000

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## Course Overview

Since 2000 or so, governments in four countries – Brazil, India, China and South Africa (the BRICS) – have intensified efforts to tackle poverty and inequality. They have created new programmes and increased funding and administrative support for existing programmes. This course compares these efforts by assessing the political and policy processes in the four countries, which have both similarities and differences. Both the contrasts and the parallels between India and the other three countries will help Indian students to learn things about India which are not obvious when only India is studied. The course will be based on the findings of a 19-member international team from six countries which has completed a four-year research project. In each of the four countries, five programmes or initiatives were analysed.

The course is designed to equip students to undertake comparative political analysis, to examine case studies from BRICs countries, to understand multiple dimensions of poverty and inequality, to familiarise students with different aspects of study of policy processes and to explain to the students the link between policies, democratic politics and social dynamics. The course will be a combination of classroom lectures followed by discussion with participants. Pre-circulation of relevant materials will ensure that the discussions are focused around specific issues.

<b>Dates</b>	<b>December 5-10, 2016</b> <b>Maximum Number of participants: 30.</b>
<b>You Can Attend if</b>	Anybody with interest in the course topic and adequate basic training in Social Sciences and /or adequate experience in the field of public policy/ social work. The course is designed for postgraduate and research students of social sciences and humanities, teachers, administrators, social scientists, civil society members, policy analysts, economists. Selection on the first-come-first-served basis after ensuring reasonable background (total capacity: 30; some seats reserved for students /teachers from SavitribaiPhule Pune University). Resume/CV with a brief statement of interest/purpose is required for selection and registration.

## Fees

**One-Time GIAN Registration:** Visit <http://www.gian.iitkgp.ac.in/GREGN/>

**Course Fees:** Those affiliated to SavitribaiPhule Pune University or affiliated colleges: No fee, but registration is must. Those affiliated to other academic institutions, research institutes, NGOs, etc.: ₹1000. Those from industry: ₹2000. Those from abroad: US \$ 150. Fees include tea with light snacks, any instructional material provided by the expert faculty, computer access during any tutorial sessions for the course, internet access via the SPPU campus network during the course. Out-station candidates need to arrange for transport and accommodation on their own. Minimum 90% attendance necessary to be eligible for certificate of participation/attendance. Appearing for evaluations/examinations during the course is necessary for certificate of grades in the course.



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He is an internationally acclaimed scholar of comparative politics and has been researching the Indian politics and society for more than forty years. He has written and edited more than 15 books on themes related to politics and state- society relations in India, democracy and decentralization South Asia and west Africa, Neo liberalism and the Development Policy debate, Thrid world politics, political institutions in new commonwealth and on comparative policy studies.

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