

COMPARATIVE INDIAN ETHICS

DHARMA, JUSTICE, GENDER AND ECOLOGY

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This new course focuses on major founding insights, principles and practical applications of moral theology and ethical thinking - or *Dharma* – in the India/South Asian context, from classical to contemporary times. It critically engages Hindu, Buddhist, Jaina, and Indian Muslim ideas of duty, right conduct, gender and social ethics, ecological attitudes, and justice, negotiating caste boundaries, personal law, constitutional rights, as well as Ambedkar-Gandhian responses, the postcolonial and secular challenges vis-à-vis Indian nationalism. There will be field visits to Hindu & Jain temples and their related events in the Bay Area.