UNIVERSITY OF MANAGEMENT & TECHNOLOGY

**DEPARTMENT OF GENDER STUDIES**

**GS-660 GENDER, PEACE, CONFLICT AND SECURITY**

**Capsule Statement:**

The course will explore the meaning of gender in contemporary society. It considers gendered relations of power and the articulation of gender with other kinds of social difference that affects the peace. This course deals in depth with the diverse and international aspects of gender as they relate to gender in peace negotiations, peace building and peacekeeping in different contemporary societies. A variety of theoretical perspectives will also bring into discussion to a number of substantive issues of contemporary societies. We will also discuss some theories of how ‘gender and peace’ is understood as a concept and the implications of each for reading our world and critiquing social problems with particular reference to conflict and post-conflict situations in contemporary societies.

**Objectives:**The students will be able;

* To understand the way in which gender and peace is interconnected in contemporary societies.
* To critically evaluate its normative and empirical methodologies with regard to Gender and Peace.
* To learn a set of skills such as gender analysis and apply them to real-life situations.

**Contents:**

1. **Introduction to Gender, and peace building**
2. **Feminist vision of peace**
   1. Peacekeeping Theoretical frameworks
   2. Role of countries policies: National and international perspectives
   3. Feminist Perspectives on Gender, Power and peace
3. **Construction of Gender Identities in the Context of Society**
   1. Gender identities in shaping conflicts
   2. Consequences of ethnic/tribal, religious, ethno-religious, regional, sub-regional, feminine, masculine, etc.
4. **Gender, Peace building and Societies**
   1. Discourses on Gender peace and societies.
5. **Gender, Conflict and Security**
   1. Women as advocates and catalysts of peace and conflict resolution
   2. Local and international initiatives towards addressing the gender gap
   3. Gender, Conflict, Human Rights and Security Issues
6. **Women’s global peace activism**
   1. Contemporary international feminist scholarship
   2. Gender Violence
   3. War and militarism

**Suggested Readings:**

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