



# HINDU UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA

## **SUSTAINABILITY IS SANATANA DHARMA**



**SUMMER 2022, BATCH STARTS  
JULY 13, 2022 | 9:00 PM EST**

CPS2003 - (C.P.H.S - Elective Course) This course explores how the modern quest for sustainability relates to the eternal search for morality and universal truths in Sanatana Dharma. It exposes two axiomatic flaws in our global industrial civilization that prevents humanity from contributing more to the ecosystems of the planet than extracting from them. As James Lovelock said, "If the earth improves as a result of human presence, we will flourish. If it does not, we will perish." Therefore, creating a sustainable civilization requires aligning and implementing real-world systems to facilitate our eternal search for inner peace (Chitta Vritti Nirodha) and the unity of all life (Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam).



# COURSE DESCRIPTION

## Course Content:

This course explores the case that we are in a double Galilean moment in human history: whereas Galileo had to overcome one false axiom that the “sun goes around the earth” in order to trigger the Scientific Revolution in the 17 th century, we have to overcome two false axioms, the false axiom of consumerism, or the “Greed is Good” rule, and the false axiom of supremacism, or the “Might is Right” rule, in order to trigger the Sustainability Revolution in the 21 st century. In this course, we will create quantitative models for implementing the correct

axioms of inner peace and unity and thereby chart a path for personal and social transformation towards a sustainable, thriving future for humanity.

The topics that will be covered are as follows:

**Session 1:** Overview of the course

**Session 2:** Why Separation is a Delusion

**Session 3:** The Urgency of Reversing Environmental and Social Degradation

**Session 4:** The Two False Axioms of Modern Industrial Civilization

**Session 5:** The Killing and Burning Machines

**Session 6:** The Climate Bathtub Formulation

**Session 7:** The Berkana Two Loops Model for Transformation

**Session 8:** The Two Correct Axioms of a Sustainable Civilization

**Session 9:** The Greatest Transformation in Human History

**Session 10:** The Seven Strategic Actions

**Session 11:** Student and Teacher Reflections on the Course

## Course Learning Objectives:

In this course students will be able to:

1. Understand the profound impact of Hindu teachings on our worldly outlook and how it changes our story telling
2. Appreciate the impact that the games we play have on the world around us.
3. Devise new games that can transform ourselves and transform our world.

4. Understand that the quest for global sustainability is a collective one in which we all have a duty to help our fellow humans and fellow beings.

5. Discover the enormous breadth, variety, and depth of Hindu Dharmic teachings.

## Class Structure:

The class will meet once a week for up to **90** minutes. The teacher’s presentation, with the help of audio and video recordings, will last approximately **45** minutes. The remaining time will be devoted to questions and open discussion. There will be **10** such sessions followed by an additional session devoted to the presentation and discussion of student and teacher reflections regarding what they learned from the course and how they expect it will influence their lives

**Prerequisites:** None

**Area of Study:** Conflict and Peace Studies

**Required / Elective:** Elective

**FACULTY: DR. SAILESH RAO**

**TIME: 9.00 PM EST – 10.30 PM EST**

**START DATE: JULY 13, 2022, END DATE: SEPTEMBER 21, 2022**

**DAY: WEDNESDAY**

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