Objective
Technology helps in explaining not only human beings’ gradual ascendancy over other living beings and the environment, but also the nature of societies that have evolved during their existence on this planet. As every aspect of technology cannot be accounted for, the course will focus broadly on those important aspects of human creations which have had more visible and tangible consequences on the physical reality.

Course Content
Concepts and issues in the history of technology; How technology differentiates human beings from other animals; Technology as a medium between man and environment; How technology determines human culture.

A. Stone Age cultures - Palaeolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic. Evolution of tools and implements; Domestication of plants and animals and the emergence of early societies – pastoral and agricultural.

B. Metal Age cultures – Copper, Bronze and Iron. Pastoral and nomadic societies; Convergence of nomadic and sedentary societies; Settlements and technological changes; Emergence of states; Conflict, Warfare and Slavery.

C. Development of non-animal power: wind, steam, fossil fuel. The transition to industrial society and its consequences.

Essential Readings

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