

Historical Sociology and Approaches to Indian History

Overview

Democracy, development and culture are three thrust areas around which Social Sciences and Humanities at SPPU are concentrating their research efforts. The Centre for Asian Studies, SPPU and the Department of History are jointly organising this course.

A strong and robust democracy can thrive in a society that has a rich tradition of multiple historical approaches towards its history. In a maturing democratic nation such as India, social scientists always feel the need to achieve the critical balance between the factual and interpretative perspectives of historical narration. History needs to offer a place to voices from all sections of the society; and it also needs to make a meaningful narrative with a sound theoretical base. An orientation in multiple approaches of understanding the Historical Sociology of the subcontinent would be useful for students, researchers and teachers of all social sciences, especially history and sociology.

The primary objectives of the course are :

1. Familiarising the participants with the multiple approaches towards historical Sociology of India.
2. Enabling the participants to visualise the linkages between history, sociology and Ecology.
3. Providing insights to the participants as to how the Indian society can be understood from various vantage points.
4. Examining case studies based on historical events which can underline the relationship between historical sociology and ecology.

Lectures	November 19th to 24th 2017. Number of participants for the course will be limited to fifty.
You Should Attend If you are ...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historians, Teachers, Administrators, Social Scientists, civil society members. • Post-graduate students, research students of social sciences and humanities..
Fees	<p>The participation fees for taking the course is as follows: Participants from abroad : US \$100 Industry/ Non-Government Organizations: 2000 Rs Academic Institutions: 1000 Rs. SPPU Teachers and Students – NIL</p> <p>The above fees include all instructional materials and tea/coffee. 100 % attendance and active participation is expected of all participants.</p>

The Faculty



Professor Sumit Guha received his Ph. D. from Cambridge in 1981. He was a Professor in the Indian Institute of Management Calcutta and moved to the USA in 2000 as S.P. Das Distinguished Professor at Brown University. In 2004 he joined the Department of History in Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey as Professor II. In 2013 he joined the University of Texas as Frances Higginbotham Nalle Centennial Professor in History.

He began his research as an economic historian with interests in demography and agriculture. These widened into the study of environmental and ethnic histories. His first book was *The Agrarian Economy of the Bombay Deccan 1818-1941* (1985) followed by *Environment and Ethnicity in India, c. 1200-1991* (1999) and *Health and Population in South Asia from earliest times to the present* (2001).

His most recent book is *Beyond Caste: Identity and Power in South Asia, Past and Present*. (2013; Indian edition, Delhi: Permanent Black, 2016)

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