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From Local Universalism to Global Contextualism***

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PROGRAM

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Introductory lectures open to the research community of the Indian Institute of Science

Venue: M. R. C. Auditorium, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, INDIA

Theme One: Rethinking The Enlightenment

- 09:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.** **Welcome Note**
Raghavendra Gadagkar, Chairman, Centre for Contemporary Studies, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore
Yehuda Elkana, President and Rector, Central European University, Budapest
- 10:00 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.** *Rethinking - Not Unthinking – the Enlightenment*
Yehuda Elkana, President and Rector, Central European University, Budapest
- 10:20 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.** *Counter Lecture*
Tejaswini Niranjana
Director and Senior Fellow
Center for the Study of Culture and Society, Bangalore
- 10:40 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.** COFFEE BREAK
- 11:10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.** *More is Different: on the Globalization of Knowledge*
Helga Nowotny
Vice Chair of the European Research Council and Fellow
Wissenschaftszentrum, Wien
- 11:30 a.m. – 11: 50 a.m.** *Counter Lecture*
Ashok Desai
Editor, The Telegraph

Theme two: Problems with Secularism

- 11:50 a.m. –12:10 a.m.** *Rethinking the Enlightenment, Rethinking Secularization, Rethinking Religion: Towards a Global Comparative Perspective*
Peter van der Veer
University Professor, Utrecht University
- 12:10 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.** *Counter Lecture*
Aziz Al-Azmeh
Professor, Central European University, Budapest

- 12: 30 p.m. – 02:00 p.m. LUNCH
- 02:00 p.m. – 02:20 p.m. *Is the Crisis of Secularism Insurmountable?*
Rajeev Bhargava
 Senior Fellow & Director, Programme of Social & Political Theory
 Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, New Delhi
- 02:20 p.m. – 02:40 p.m. *Lecture*
Ashis Nandy
 Senior Fellow, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, New
 Delhi
- Theme three: Democracy*
- 02:40 p.m. – 03:00 p.m. *Lecture*
Ivan Krastev
 Director of the Open Society Research Center at Central European
 University, Budapest and Chairman, Center for Liberal Strategies,
 Sofia
- 03:00 p.m. - 03:20 p.m. *Counter Lecture*
Shalini Randeria
 Professor, University of Zurich, Switzerland
- 03:20 p.m. – 03:50 p.m. COFFEE BREAK
- 03:50 p.m. – 04:10 p.m. *Problematicizing Democracy: Some Random Thoughts*
Wang Hui
 Professor, Tsinghua University and Chief Editor, Dushu Magazine,
 Beijing
- 04:10 p.m. – 04:30 p.m. *Western Democracy? Sounds Like a Good Idea*
Daniel Dor
 Professor, Tel Aviv University
- 04:30 p.m. – 05:30 p.m. **Questions and comments from the audience**

List of Participants

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