

***Rethinking the Intellectual Foundations of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century:  
From Local Universalism to Global Contextualism***

**International Workshop**

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January 30 - February 1, 2007

**PROGRAM**

**January 30**

*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**

## January 31

*Discussion on the themes presented the previous day, each participant is expected to prepare a short statement.*

*Venue: Council Room, Indian Academy of Sciences, C. V. Raman Avenue, Bangalore, India.*

### Theme one: Rethinking the Enlightenment

**09:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.** Short summary of the major points raised during the session on January 30, Suresh Sharma  
Moderator: Sally Humphreys

**10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.** COFFEE BREAK

**10:30 a.m. – 01:00 p.m.** Short statements by the participants and discussion

**01: 00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.** LUNCH

### Theme two: Problems with Secularism

**2:30 p.m. – 03:00 p.m.** Short summary of the major points raised during the session on January 30, Peter van der Veer  
Moderator: Ashis Nandy

**03:00 p.m. – 03:30 p.m.** COFFEE BREAK

**03:30 p.m. – 05:00 p.m.** Short statements by the participants and discussion

**07:00 p.m.** DINNER

## February 1

*Discussion on the themes and research agenda*

*Venue: Council Room, Indian Academy of Sciences, C. V. Raman Avenue, Bangalore, India.*

### Theme three: Democracy

**09:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.** Short summary of the major points raised during the session on January 30, Huricihan Islamoglu  
Moderator: Joachim Nettelbeck

**10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.** COFFEE BREAK

**10:30 a.m. – 01:00 p.m.** Short statements by the participants and discussion

**01: 00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.** LUNCH

### Research agenda

**2:30 p.m. – 03:00 p.m.** How to “translate” the themes into research agenda  
Moderator: Wilhelm Krull

**03:00 p.m. – 03:30 p.m.** COFFEE BREAK

**3:30 p.m. – 04: 30p.m.** How to “translate” the themes into research agenda  
Moderator: Wilhelm Krull

**04:30 p.m. – 05:00 p.m.** Closing remarks by Raghavendra Gadagkar and Yehuda Elkana

**07:00 p.m.** DINNER

## List of Participants

Yehuda Elkana	President and Rector, Central European University, Budapest
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Daniel Dor	Professor, Tel Aviv University
Sally Humphreys	Professor, based in Oxford
Wang Hui	Professor, Tsinghua University and Chief Editor, Dushu Magazine, Beijing
Huricihan Islamoglu	Professor, Bogazici University, Istanbul
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Ronald Francis Clarke	Former Professor at the University of Manchester
Harini Nagendra	Society in Science: Branco Weiss Fellow, Zürich and Asia Research Coordinator, Center for the Study of Institutions, Population, and Environmental Change, Indiana University, Bloomington
Wilhelm Krull	Secretary General, VolkswagenStiftung, Hannover
Svetoslav Bojilov	Founder, The Tipping Point Foundation, Sofia
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