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Session 4: Thomas Kuhn - a different approach to philosophies of science? And what about other traditions?

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This session will attempt to highlight some debates in the history, philosophy, and sociology of science that were quelled by the famous work on scientific revolutions by Thomas Kuhn. Through a close examination of his trajectories, we will generally examine his position on, and in, the function of science, and its role vis-à-vis reality, as also re-examine the understanding of his contributions to histories and sociologies of science. The second part of the session will introduce a juxtaposition of the questions raised by Kuhn and others with the structure of knowledge in Indian traditions, prefatory to taking up these questions in greater detail in following sessions.

Suggested reading: Kuhn, T. S. The structure of scientific revolutions (2nd ed.) Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1970.

**Saturday, 30th August, 2 pm
New CCS Seminar Hall, IISc
(Formerly TIFR Mathematics building)**

Tea/Coffee and Snacks at about 3:30 pm

All are cordially invited

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