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Invites you to a talk titled:

Democracy's next step: Building a Dignitarian Society

Speaker:

Prof. Robert W. Fuller

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Date: Monday, 16th February '09

Time: 4:00 pm

Venue: CCS Seminar Hall, IISc, Bangalore 12

Tea/Coffee will be served at 3:30 pm

The old slogan "Liberté, Egalité, Fraternité" has run its course. Governance that gives primacy to Liberty (USA), Equality (USSR), or Fraternity (Nazi Germany) have either failed to deliver on justice or led to utter catastrophe.

In the 21st century, governance that elevates Dignity to primacy can deliver on peace and prosperity. Why? Because Dignity is a stepping stone to justice and without justice there will be no peace and only spotty prosperity.

In All Rise, Fuller traces indignity to rankism-abuse of the power signified by rank-and argues that it damages relationships and institutions. In this talk he will show how we can build dignitarian societies in which office-holders are held accountable, rankism is shunned, and dignity is broadly protected.

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