This session examines the claims for objectivity made by the disciplines of history and anthropology as the foundational justification of their existence. Both disciplines have had particular notions of humanity as the centre of their study. While the discipline of history straddled a divide between fact and interpretation from the end of the eighteenth century on, to lay claim to the authority enjoyed by the natural sciences, the discipline of anthropology as an account of the organization of human society, derived its credibility in the late nineteenth century from the earlier consolidation of the human sciences. This session traces how the promise of each discipline to deliver a faithful realist representation of its object of study has been debated over time.

**Suggested readings**

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**On Saturday, 9th Sept 2006, at 2 pm**

**Venue: CCS Seminar Hall, IISc**

Tea/Coffee and snacks will be served at 3:30 pm

All are cordially invited

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