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Talk Title: Harvard vs IITs - Will Social Sciences Control the Hard Sciences in India?

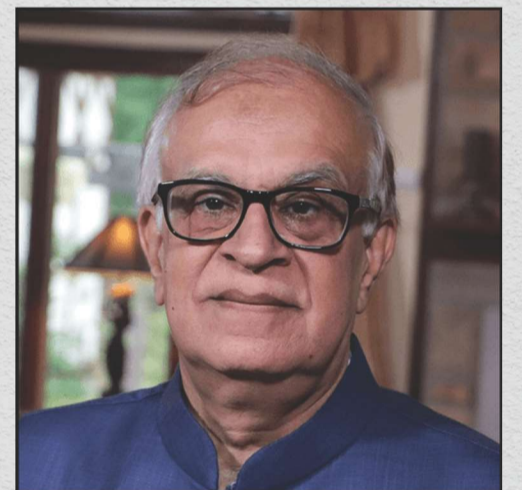
Abstract

The recent book 'Snakes in the Ganga' by the speakers explained the attack on IITs emanating in USA on the basis that they privilege Brahmins and oppress Dalits and minorities. This issue is further elaborated by the authors in their new book 'The Battle for IITs'. The talk and discussion will explain the background to this issue, its serious implications in India and overseas for all tech workers and companies, and offers counter arguments. It shows how this issue is the result of social sciences based on Marxism being applied to technical education.

SPEAKERS

Rajiv Malhotra ■■■■

Rajiv Malhotra is a researcher and public intellectual on civilizational studies, world religions, and cross-cultural encounters. He was trained initially as a physicist, and then as a computer scientist specializing in Artificial Intelligence in the 1970s. After a successful corporate career in the USA, he became an entrepreneur and founded and ran several IT companies across twenty countries. Since the early 1990s, as the founder of his non-profit Infinity Foundation (Princeton, USA), he has been researching civilizations from a historical, social sciences, and mind sciences perspective. He has authored several best-selling books that have impacted many leading intellectuals worldwide. Rajiv also serves as chairman of the board of governors of the Center for Indic Studies at the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth, and is on the advisory board of the Indian Institute of Advanced Studies, Shimla.



Vijaya Viswanathan ■■■■

Vijaya Viswanathan is a mechanical engineer by training and holds an MBA from the Wharton Business School. After a successful corporate career in manufacturing and finance based in the USA, Singapore, and Europe, she turned her focus to education. As she embarked on a home-schooling journey with her children, she gained deep insights into the relevance of Indic knowledge systems in modern education. Vijaya is active in initiatives that focus on curricula, pedagogy, and mentoring. As a student under Swami Dayananda Saraswati of Arsha Vidya Gurukulam, Vijaya studied Vedanta as well as dharmic and civilizational thought. Vijaya also serves on the board of Infinity Foundation.



All are cordially invited to attend

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