

Tuesday Colloquium

Topic: Memories of underdevelopment:
Higher Education and India's Universities

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Abstract

A consensus in academic circles in India seems to be that India's universities have not played since Independence as significant a role in higher education as was both needed and achievable. The state of higher education is widely criticized as a policy failure of a bumbling bureaucracy. In this lecture, an alternate approach would describe a different, and primarily historical, perspective of a complex social, political and economic reality as well as foreign policy imperatives during and immediately after India's independence. Rethinking India's pre-independence past is useful in understanding the present and making guesses about the future. It is unlikely that the educational framework the institutions and their governance structure -will change significantly anytime soon. Coherent, sustainable and pluralist policy alternatives are urgently needed to address the looming "human-climate" calamity in the country. One, among such alternatives, is a return to a not-so-distant-but-scarcely-remembered past, with selective refinements.

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