

India@Seventy: Building a More Inclusive Democracy
Conference Schedule (Draft, subject to change)

Friday, November 3: The Paradox of Indian Democracy, Historical Roots and Contemporary Culture

8:30 a.m.	Registration and Refreshments
9:00 a.m.	Welcome Remarks Introduction to the Conference Tara Sethia, Cal Poly Pomona
9:30 a.m.	Session 1 Three Paradoxes of Populist Democracy in India Niraja Gopal Jayal, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi, India What is a People? Some Lessons from Gandhi's India Mrinalini Sinha, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor <i>(15 Minute Break)</i> How India Became Democratic? Lessons for Today Ornit Shani, University of Haifa, Israel
12:15 p.m.	<i>Lunch</i>
1:30 p.m.	Session 2 The Freedom to be Free: Ambedkar and the Problem of Self-Determination Aishwary Kumar, Stanford University The "Grammar of Anarchy" or the Safeguard of Freedom? Gandhian Satyagraha and Democratic Politics Karuna Mantena, Yale University Majoritarianism: A Threat to the Idea of India as envisaged by the Founding Fathers Ananya Vajpeyi, Center for the Study of Developing Societies, New Delhi, India
3:30 p.m.	<i>Refreshment Break</i>
4:00 p.m.	Session 3 India's Hierarchical Democracy and Its Implications Anastasia Piliavsky, Girton College, University of Cambridge, UK The Question of "Lynching": Difference, Demagoguery and Democracy in India Vinay Lal, University of California, Los Angeles "Development" in Democratic India Perna Singh, Brown University
6:00 p.m.	Session 4 Between State and Society: Leadership During India's Freedom Movement Rajmohan Gandhi, Indian Institute of Technology, Gandhinagar, India; and Michigan State University, East Lansing
7:00 p.m.	<i>Dinner</i>

Saturday, November 4: Resolving the Paradoxes, Rethinking Public Goods

8:30 a.m.	Registration and Refreshments
9:00 a.m.	<p>Session 1 Deepening Democracy through Culture and Memory Aruna Roy, Mazdoor Kisan Shakti Sangathana (MKSS)</p> <p>Can Rights Be Wrong? India's New Social Policy Agenda John Harriss, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, Canada</p>
10:45 a.m.	Break
11:00 a.m.	<p>Session 2 Swaraj and the Promise of DeGrowth Rajni Bakshi, Gateway House, India</p> <p>Measuring Wealth: Insights from Late Colonial Economists Eleanor Newbiggin, SOAS, University of London, UK</p>
12:30 p.m.	Lunch
1:30 p.m.	<p>Session 3 Employment and Class Mobility in BPOs and Call Centers Akhil Gupta, University of California, Los Angeles</p> <p>Universal Access to Financial Services: A Key Enabler for Democratic Functioning Vijay Mahajan, Former CEO, BASIX Group, Hyderabad, India</p>
3:00 p.m.	Refreshment Break
3:30 p.m.	<p>Session 4 Mobilization of the Marginalized: Why it Matters? Amit Ahuja, UC-Santa Barbara</p> <p>Democracy and Mobilization in the Indian Tea Industry Elyse Petersen, Tealet, Las Vegas</p> <p>Building an Inclusive Political Economy Prakash Kashwan, University of Connecticut</p>
5:00 p.m.	Break
5:15 p.m.	<p>Session 5 Liberalization Sans Liberalism: The Control Raj, the Perils of Ideology and Rents in Higher Education Devesh Kapur, University of Pennsylvania</p>
6:00 p.m.	<p>Mediating Inclusion Hiram E. Chodosh, Claremont McKenna College</p>
7:00 p.m.	Dinner

Sunday, November 5: Toward an Inclusive Democracy

8:30 a.m.	Refreshments
9:00 a.m.	<p>Concluding Session: Speaker Dialogue</p> <p>From Deliberation to Action: Advancing the agenda of Inclusive Democracy in India</p> <p>In this final session, we will have structured discussion about what needs to be done to help make India’s democracy more inclusive. We aim to identify the role for various parties such as scholars and public intellectuals, policy makers and policy implementers, corporate entities and their leaders, civil society organizations and social activists, and citizens acting individually as well as collectively.</p> <p>We will also consider a variety of dissemination strategies for our conclusions and recommendations.</p> <p>More details forthcoming.</p>
<i>11:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Lunch</i>