

# India@Seventy: Building a More Inclusive Democracy

Friday, November 3, 2017: BSC, Ursa Minor Room

8:15 a.m.	REGISTRATION AND REFRESHMENTS
9:15 a.m.	Welcome Remarks <b>Sylvia Alva</b> , Provost & Vice President, Academic Affairs, Cal Poly Pomona <b>Erika DeJonghe</b> , Interim Associate Dean, College of Letters, Arts & Social Sciences
9:30 a.m.	Conference Introduction <b>Tara Sethia</b> , Cal Poly Pomona
9:45 a.m.	<i>Session 1: Indian Democracy at Seventy—Today’s Crises, Yesterday’s Lessons Between State and Society: Leadership During India’s Freedom Movement</i> <b>Rajmohan Gandhi</b> , Indian Institute of Technology, Gandhinagar, India; and Michigan State University, East Lansing Moderator: <b>Tara Sethia</b> , Cal Poly Pomona
10:45 a.m.	BREAK
11:00 a.m.	<i>Session 2: Demos and Democracy</i> What is a People? Some Lessons from Gandhi’s India <b>Mrinalini Sinha</b> , University of Michigan, Ann Arbor How India Became Democratic? Lessons for Today <b>Ornit Shani</b> , University of Haifa, Israel Moderator: <b>Purnima Mankekar</b> , University of California, Los Angeles
12:30 p.m.	LUNCH
1:30 p.m.	<i>Session 3: Freedom, Democracy and Satyagraha</i> The Freedom to be Free: Ambedkar and the Problem of Self-Determination <b>Aishwary Kumar</b> , Stanford University The “Grammar of Anarchy” or the Safeguard of Freedom? Gandhian Satyagraha and Democratic Politics <b>Karuna Mantena</b> , Yale University Moderator: <b>Isabel Huacuja</b> , California State University, San Bernardino
3:00 p.m.	BREAK
3:15 p.m.	<i>Session 4: Democracy and Demagoguery in Contemporary India</i> India’s Hierarchical Democracy and Its Implications <b>Anastasia Piliavsky</b> , Girton College, University of Cambridge, UK The Question of “Lynching”: Difference, Demagoguery and Democracy in India <b>Vinay Lal</b> , University of California, Los Angeles Moderator: <b>Aseema Sinha</b> , Claremont McKenna College
4:45 p.m.	REFRESHMENT BREAK
5:15 p.m.	<i>Session 5: Documentary and Dialogue</i> <b>Gandhi’s Gift: A Documentary</b> Followed by Dialogue with Producer, <b>Cynthia Lukas</b> Moderator: <b>Carolyn Dorrance</b> , Institute of World Culture
6:45 p.m.	DINNER

**Saturday, November 4, 2017: BSC, Ursa Minor Room**

8:30 a.m.	REGISTRATION AND REFRESHMENTS
9:00 a.m.	<p><i>Session 1: Democracy, Mutual Respect, and Regard for Truth</i>  Democracy and Cultural Expressions  <b>Aruna Roy</b>, Mazdoor Kisan Shakti Sangathana (MKSS)  Moderator: <b>Nirmal Sethia</b>, Cal Poly Pomona</p>
10:00 a.m.	BREAK
10:15 a.m.	<p><i>Session 2: Rights, Opportunities and Inclusion in Indian Democracy</i>  Can Rights Be Wrong? India's New Social Policy Agenda  <b>John Harriss</b>, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, Canada  Employment and Class Mobility in BPOs and Call Centers  <b>Akhil Gupta &amp; Purnima Mankekar</b>, University of California, Los Angeles  Moderator: <b>Karen Leonard</b>, University of California, Irvine</p>
11:45 a.m.	LUNCH
12:45 p.m.	<p><i>Session 3: Rethinking Growth and GDP</i>  Swaraj and the Promise of DeGrowth  <b>Rajni Bakshi</b>, Journalist and Author, India  Measuring Wealth: Insights from Late Colonial Economists  <b>Eleanor Newbigin</b>, SOAS, University of London, UK  Moderator: <b>Andrew Moss</b>, Cal Poly Pomona</p>
2:15 p.m.	<p><i>Session 4: Indian Legal System—Barriers and Pathways to Inclusion</i>  Mediating Inclusion  <b>Hiram E. Chodosh</b>, Claremont McKenna College  Moderator: <b>Sharon Hilles</b>, Cal Poly Pomona</p>
3:15 p.m.	REFRESHMENT BREAK
3:45 p.m.	<p><i>Session 5: Mobilization and Social Movements for Inclusion</i>  Mobilization of the Marginalized: Why it Matters?  <b>Amit Ahuja</b>, University of California, Santa Barbara  Building an Inclusive Political Economy  <b>Prakash Kashwan</b>, University of Connecticut  Democracy and Mobilization in the Indian Tea Industry  <b>Elyse Petersen</b>, Tealet, Las Vegas  Moderator: <b>Jyoti Bachani</b>, Saint Mary's College of California</p>
5:30 p.m.	<p><i>Session 6: The Educational Challenges in India</i>  Liberalization Sans Liberalism: The Control Raj, the Perils of Ideology &amp; the Rents in Higher Education  <b>Devesh Kapur</b>, University of Pennsylvania  Moderator: <b>Vipin Gupta</b>, California State University, San Bernardino</p>
6:30 p.m.	DINNER
7:30 p.m.	<p><b>Evening Highlight</b>  The Art of Inclusion: Presentation and Sitar Concert  <b>Srinivas Reddy</b>, Brown University  <b>Hemant Ekbote</b> on Tabla  Introductions by <b>Tara Sethia</b></p>

Note: Day light Saving Time Ends 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 5.



**Sunday, November 5, 2017: BSC, Ursa Minor Room**

8:15 a.m.	REGISTRATION AND REFRESHMENTS
8:30 a.m.	<p><i>From Deliberation to Action: Building a More Inclusive Democracy</i>  <i>Speaker Roundtable</i></p> <p><b>Rajni Bakshi</b>, Journalist and Author, India  <b>Rajmohan Gandhi</b>, IIT Gandhinagar, India; Michigan State University, East Lansing  <b>John Harriss</b>, Simon Fraser University  <b>Devesh Kapur</b>, University of Pennsylvania  <b>Anastasia Piliavsky</b>, Girton College, University of Cambridge, UK  <b>Mrinalini Sinha</b>, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor  <b>Ornit Shani</b>, University of Haifa, Israel.  Moderator: <b>Tara Sethia</b>, Cal Poly Pomona</p>
10:45 a.m.	BREAK
11:00 a.m.	<p><b>Arising Light: Dr. B. R. Ambedkar and the Birth of a New Era in India</b>  A Documentary produced and directed by David Blundell (26 min)  Followed by Dialogue with <b>David Blundell</b>  Moderator: <b>Rajrani Kalra</b>, California State University, San Bernardino</p>
12:00 noon	LUNCH
1:15 p.m.- 2:30 p.m.	<p><i>Post-Conference Meeting for K-12 Educators</i>  Dialogue with Rajmohan Gandhi</p>