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**WINTER
SEMESTER 2021**

**13 JANUARY
2021**

CONVERSATION WITH A NOBEL LAUREATE

- Venki Ramakrishnan
2009 Nobel Prize winner in Chemistry, Cambridge University, in conversation with Patrick French

**27 JANUARY
2021**

CMB BHARAT: QUEST FOR COSMIC ORIGINS

- Tarun Souradeep, Professor and Chair, Physics, Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Pune

**3 FEBRUARY
2021**

WHY DOES RAMANUJAN, 'THE MAN WHO KNEW INFINITY', MATTER?

- Ken Ono, Thomas Jefferson Professor of Mathematics, University of Virginia

**10 FEBRUARY
2021**

NORTH, SOUTH, EAST, WEST: A GLOBAL HISTORY OF GENDER

- Dr Alice Evans, King's College, London

**7 APRIL
2021**

GANDHI'S RADICALISM

- Akeel Bilgrami, Sidney Morgenbesser Professor of Philosophy, Columbia University

**9 APRIL
2021**

ASPIRATION TO DESPERATION: YOUTH AND ETHIC VOID IN NEW INDIA

- Snigdha Poonam, Author of the award-winning book Dreamers: How Young Indians are Changing Their World

**21 APRIL
2021**

PERFORMANCE ENHANCING DRUGS IN SPORTS

- Ashish Badiye, Government Institute for Forensic Sciences, Nagpur

**28 APRIL
2021**

THE IMPORTANCE OF NON-WESTERN PHILOSOPHY: THE CASE OF ISLAMIC PHILOSOPHY

- Seyyed Hossein Nasr, Professor of Islamic Studies, George Washington University

**5 MAY
2021**

UNVEILING THE DARK UNIVERSE

- Priyamvada Natarajan, Professor, Department of Astronomy and Physics, Yale University

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WORKSHOP ON GLOBAL AI NARRATIVES - INDIA **11 AND 12 MARCH 2021**

The School of Arts and Sciences organised a two-day workshop in collaboration with the Leverhulme Centre for the Future of Intelligence at Cambridge University, to examine perceptions of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in fiction, journalism, literature, policy, culture and related fields in India. Videos of the presentations can be viewed here: <https://www.ainarratives.com/india-video-links>

INTRODUCTION:

- Patrick French, Dean of School of Arts and Sciences, Ahmedabad University
- Huw Price, Academic Director of the Leverhulme Centre for the Future of Intelligence; Professor of Philosophy, Trinity College, Cambridge
- Pankaj Chandra, Vice Chancellor, Ahmedabad University
- Kanta Dihal, Senior Research Fellow, Leverhulme Centre for the Future of Intelligence, University of Cambridge.

PANEL 1: AI IN INDIAN SCIENCE FICTION AND IMAGINATION

Speaker 1: Samit Basu, Author of Gameworld Trilogy

Speaker 2: Divya B, Author of Machinehood

Speaker 3: Tanuj Solanki, Author of The Machine is Learning

PANEL 2: HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY OF AI TECHNOLOGY IN INDIA

Speaker 1: Arun Sukumar, PhD Candidate, The Fletcher School, Tufts University

Speaker 2: Noopur Raval, postdoctoral researcher, AINow Institute, New York University

Speaker 3: Daud Ali, Associate Professor, South Asian Studies Department, University of Pennsylvania

PANEL 3: CONCEPTUAL PERSPECTIVES ON UIDAI AND AADHAAR

Speaker 1: Srikanth Nadhamuni, CEO, Khosla Labs

Speaker 2: Chinmayi Arun, Resident Fellow of the Information Society Project, Yale Law School

Speaker 3: Ram Sewak Sharma, CEO, National Health Authority; former Chairman, Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)

PANEL 4: RESPONSES TO AI AND SCIENCE FACT-FICTION IN HINDI, BENGALI, AND MALAYALAM LITERATURE

Speaker 1: Manoj Kumar Pandey, Author of Badalta Hua Desh: Swarnadesh Ki Lok Kathayen

Speaker 2: Shiju Sam Varughese, Assistant Professor, Centre for Studies in Science, Technology and Innovation Policy in the School of Social Sciences, Central University of Gujarat

Speaker 3: Samrat Sengupta, Head of the Department of English at Sammilani Mahavidyalaya under University of Calcutta

ANOTHER ADVENTURE WITH CD34+ HEMATOPOEITIC STEM PROGENITOR CELLS **16 JUNE 2021**

- Professor Curt Civin, Director, Center for Stem Cell Biology and Regenerative Medicine, University of Maryland

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