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cordially invites you to an

Open Lecture

on

"Contemporary Discussions on Social Theory by Sociologists"

by



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Sujata Patel teaches sociology at the University of Hyderabad. Her work reveals a combination of four perspectives - Marxism, feminism, spatial studies and post structuralism/post colonialism, together with an historical sensibility.

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Abstract

Since the '80s and particularly in the last decade sociologists have been increasingly discussing the epistemic foundations of their discipline and have highlighted the key methodological constituents that has organised its discrete and uneven growth. In the process they have redefined social theory as a theory of reflexive thinking that interrogates the epistemic foundations that organise the social sciences and particularly reflects on the discipline of sociology. Theorists have discussed how Eurocentric episteme has driven the formulations of theories and methodologies and highlighted how these have influenced ideas regarding time, space, and thereby influenced scientific protocols of doing social sciences. These discussions have led to the formulation of new epistemic perspective-that of colonial modernity, decolonial studies, indigenous studies and new concepts: methodological nationalism, extraversion and endogeneity. I will be discussing these perspectives and concepts in context to sociological traditions in India.

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