



Azim Premji University Colloquium Series presents a talk on

“Globalization, Higher Education and Inclusive Development: Redefining the Policy Paradox”

Speaker:

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Venue: 10th Floor Auditorium, Pixel A, (Azim Premji University)

About the Topic

Higher education policy in India is under pressure to reform to be globally competitive and develop the skill base for a knowledge economy. Simultaneously there are measures to widen access to higher education, increase enrolments and be more inclusive, in part a response to the 'youth bulge' in the country's demographic. These are often discussed as contradictory goals in which inclusion is seen to compromise quality and therefore our ability to be globally competitive. From a Left perspective, how do we redefine the policy paradox? This talk is an attempt to reassess our current predicament and share some insights from an ongoing collaboration with Pune University that links equity and excellence in higher education.

About the Speaker

Sangeeta Kamat is Associate Professor in Education Policy Studies at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. Her areas of research are education and globalization and critical development studies. She is author of *Development Hegemony: NGOs and the State in India* (OUP, 2002) and is working on a second book on education markets and uneven development in the Andhra-Telangana region. Her most recent publications include '*New development architecture and post-politics in the global South*' and '*Neoliberal urbanism and the education economy: producing Hyderabad as a global city*'. Dr. Kamat received the Obama-Singh Higher Education Knowledge Initiative award in 2013 to support a three year collaboration with Pune University on issues of diversity, equity and excellence in higher education.