



Azim Premji University Faculty Seminar Series

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"The Web of Freedom"

Speaker

Venu Govindu

Date: February 02, 2017(Thursday)

Time: 02:30 pm to 04:00 pm

Venue: Classroom 101, First Floor, Pixel B, Azim premji University

About the Talk

Freedom fighter, economic philosopher, environmentalist and Gandhian constructive worker, J. C. Kumarappa (1892-1960) was a man of many parts. A champion of agrarian India and a proponent of a decentralised economy, Kumarappa was also an ecological thinker who was ahead of his times. Indeed, if Gandhi's swaraj was more than political self-rule, it was Kumarappa who imbued it with economic meaning. A dogged and creative advocate of economic justice, Kumarappa also critically examined many important public issues in the years before and after 1947. Based on his recent biography, the speaker will present a narrative of the fascinating story of Kumarappa's life, his philosophical arguments and practical ideas that have a striking contemporary relevance, and his illuminating critique of some key episodes of modern India's economic history.

About the Speaker

Venu Madhav Govindu is a computer vision researcher with the Department of Electrical Engineering, Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru. He also has a serious interest in the history and political economy of modern India, especially the life and work of Mahatma Gandhi. After the publication of his recent work, an intellectual biography of the Gandhian economic philosopher and constructive worker, J. C. Kumarappa, he is working on a thematic history of Gandhi's Sevagram period.