



Colloquium: How Might We Evaluate Politicians?

Speaker:

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10th Floor, Auditorium, Pixel A, Azim Premji University

Abstract:

Elected representatives perform essential tasks in democracies. Needless to add, it is imperative for the members of the polity to understand the roles and functions of their elected representatives. Significant differences often exist between popular perceptions and objective evaluations of MLAs and MPs in the country. What are the consequences of our popularly held notions about our MPs/MLAs for the health of our democracy? Do objective measures for evaluating their performance enable a better functioning democracy? This talk will engage these questions.

A Note on the Speaker:

C V Madhukar leads investments on Governance Initiatives for Omidyar Network India Advisors. He leads investments in for-profit and non-profit organizations in India that enable civic participation and promote better governance.

Prior to joining Omidyar Network, Madhukar was the co-founder and director of PRS Legislative Research, an institution that makes India's legislative process, better informed, more transparent and participatory. Before PRS, Madhukar worked at the World Bank in Washington D.C. He began his career as an investment banker with ICICI Securities. During his tenure at ICICI Securities he volunteered much of his time contributing to the growth of Pratham, one of the most recognized non-profit organizations providing basic education in India. In early 2000, he co-founded Akshara Foundation and helped establish the Azim Premji Foundation.