



Colloquium: Self, Sovereignty and Tradition in Modern Indian Political Thought

Speaker:

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10th Floor, Auditorium, Pixel A, APU

Abstract:

Indian intellectuals in the late 19th century were confronted with an epistemological crisis: a crisis in Indian traditions of political thought and political practice, which was resolved through Gandhi's "Hind Swaraj" (1909), a Galilean text that effected an epistemological breakthrough. Modern India's key political categories began to emerge around this time -- categories that had deep historical antecedents, but were also genuinely new responses to the challenges posed by colonialism and its forms of knowledge.

A Note on the Speaker:

Ananya Vajpeyi is with the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, New Delhi. In 2012-13 she is a senior fellow with the American Institute of Indian Studies. Her first book, *Righteous Republic: The Political Foundations of Modern India* was published by Harvard University Press in the US, UK and India in October 2012. It won the Thomas J. Wilson Memorial Prize 2011-12 for the best first manuscript by an HUP author