



## **Colloquium Series: Adivasis Here, Adivasis There**

Speaker:

Vidyarthi Chatterjee, Independent Researcher

Date / Time:

October 18, 2012 - 3:45pm - 5:30pm

Venue:

10th Floor, Auditorium, Pixel A, APU

Abstract:

The Talk will be preceded by screening of the documentary film titled, 'We will give our lives, but not our land' a short film on Nagri struggle in Jharkhand ( 30 minutes) directed by Biju Toppo and Meghnath from Akhra, Jharkhand. Adivasis (meaning, original inhabitants), whether they are in different parts of India or in other lands, are faced with the common threat/reality of displacement, destruction of the traditional ways of life and means of livelihood, enslavement, exploitation and degradation. They are displaced and marginalized, but they are defying the arson and anarchy being sought to be imposed on them by governments. The attempt here is to use the moving image and the spoken word as a combined tool to open a discourse that keeps moving between the global and the local. This talk has a greater focus on the local, i.e. the issues facing Jharkhand adivasis, which the speaker has actively engaged with over the last four decades.

A Note on the Speaker:

Vidyarthi Chatterjee is an independent researcher into the daily trials as he has found them in the lives of the Adivasis of Jharkhand. He had his education in Loyola School, Jamshedpur; Presidency College, Calcutta; and Calcutta University. He has been an active writer-journalist and film critic for four decades. His areas of specialization are the New Indian Documentary, starting with Anand Patwardhan; the New Cinemas of Karnataka and Kerala; Working Class Cinema; and the Cinemas of Latin America. He has taught at EFLU, Hyderabad; Nandan, West Bengal Film Centre, Calcutta; and Viswabharati, Santiniketan.