



Talk: Education and Emancipatory Development: An Introduction to the Thought of Paulo Freire

Speaker:
Prof. Laurence Simon

Date / Time:
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Venue:
Room No 411, Pixel B, Azim Premji University

Abstract:

Brazilian educator, Philosopher and social theorist, Paulo Freire is widely acclaimed for his work on critical pedagogy. He is best known for his influential book, *Pedagogy of the Oppressed*, which is considered to be one of the foundational texts of the critical pedagogy movement. The speaker would introduce students to who Paulo Freire was and about his philosophy of education. This informal interactive talk is scheduled as a special lecture in the course, *Schools and Education Systems* being taught to second year MA Education students by Sujatha Rao and Manitha Rao. Kindly confirm participation and be there ten minutes before the talk starts.

A Note on the Speaker:

Laurence R. Simon is Professor of International Development at Brandeis University and directs its Sustainable Development Graduate Programs. He launched Oxfam America's work in Central America and the Caribbean and served as its first director of global policy analysis. He founded and was president of the American Jewish World Service; was the evaluation adviser to the World Bank / UNDP on poverty alleviation in Sri Lanka; and a senior advisor to the start-up of Google.org. He is a specialist in post-harvest losses and land reform and worked extensively in Central America, southern and eastern Africa and South Asia. He has a Ph.D. from the School of Geography at Clark University. Please find attached the detailed biographical note that talks about his current research interests.