



## **Talk: What Bothers Me As a Historian Today**

Speaker:

Prof. N. Panikkar, Historian

Date / Time:

August 13, 2012 - 3:45pm - 5:30pm

Venue:

10th Floor, Auditorium, Pixel A, APU

Abstract:

The lecture is an attempt to critically look at historical developments in the recent past and to explore how the practice of history has addressed these issues. Due to a variety of reasons, both political and ideological, the practice of history has faced serious challenges. No other discipline has perhaps attracted so much attention as history. The future of history as a discipline would depend upon the way in which historians manage to face these challenges. Are the historians creatively responding to it?

A Note on the Speaker:

Prof K.N. Panikkar, who retired from JNU, is a historian and is widely known for his pioneering work on cultural and intellectual history. Among other books, Prof Panikkar has written *Culture, Ideology, Hegemony: Intellectuals and Social Consciousness in Colonial India* (1990) and *Colonialism, Culture, and Resistance* (2007). He has also edited a number of well-known books, including *A Concerned Indian's Guide to Communalism* (1999) and the ICHR volume on *Towards Freedom, 1940: A Documentary History of the Freedom Struggle* (2009). Prof Panikkar has been in the forefront of the struggle against communalism and for the rights of the marginalized in India.