



## CCMG INVITES YOU TO A LECTURE ON

### Unlocking the 'justice dividend' Mining Projects and Peoples' Movements

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#### About the Lecture

The talk brings into focus extractive industries and mining projects, and highlights their social and environmental impacts as well as peoples' movements against them in India and elsewhere. The politics and financial structures of extractive industries are discussed through a detailed case study of the British company Vedanta Resources. On May 22, 2018, 13 people, including women and children, were shot dead by the police in Tamil Nadu on their 100th day of protest against the pollution being generated by Vedanta's copper smelter. Like many other companies, Vedanta has had a long history of legal violations, and human rights and environmental abuses, and therefore been mired in protests and legal battles at many of its operations in India and Africa. The talk summarises the company's key violations, and in doing so, makes a compelling case for strengthening movements that demand for such companies to be properly regulated, investigated and held liable for their actions, in the interest of the rights of indigenous people and the environment.

#### About the Speaker

Samarendra Das is a bi-lingual author, documentary filmmaker and activist associated with University of Sussex, and Foil Vedanta, a movement that played an important part in Niyamgiri (Orissa) and Zambia in bringing the London-delist miner Vedanta's violations to international attention. His latest report (September, 2018) Vedanta's Billions; Regulatory failure, environment & human rights is a groundbreaking study on the company. Samarendra lectures nationally and internationally on the extractive industries. His forthcoming book is about the history of Iron Ore mining.

**Venue:** CCMG Video Conference Hall

**Date:** Thursday 19 September, 2019

**Time:** 2:00 pm