



Knowledge Society, Work and Identity

About the Lecture

The central focus of this talk is on the process of emergence of knowledge society in India and changing patterns of work participation and the forms of new identity construction therein. It illustrates that in the wake of neo liberal economic globalization, fast penetration of information and communication technologies and expansion of the bases of formal knowledge and skill societies in India stand today in the threshold of knowledge society. The emergence of knowledge society in India has been diverse and uneven as it has emerged to be part agrarian, part industrial, part knowledge based, part local and part global. It has produced new work hierarchy wherein the knowledge workers have posited at the centre, followed by the service providers at the middle and the vast segment of manual workers of sorts at the bottom. It delineates the caste, class, gender, ethnic and spatial interface with the emerging work hierarchy. However notwithstanding these diversities and unevenness, the emerging knowledge society in India has generated a high quantum of social mobility, migration, transition and fast flow of information, images, goods, services and of people across the space. It has simultaneously produced dichotomous social existence and construction of social identities that experience fluidity at one end solidarity on the other. Though knowledge society has not been able to demolish the preexisting structure of domination, it has however created the condition to question the structure of domination in several ways.

About the Speaker

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Professor Singharoy has researched extensively in the areas of identity and identity construction, social movements, agrarian studies, social development, marginalization, social exclusion, sociology of distance education and knowledge society.

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