

Questioning the Past : an Exercise in Early Indian History

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The interpretation of early Indian history was first inherited from colonial scholars. This was later questioned by nationalist historians. All these interpretations were re-assessed in the 1960s and 70s. Some were retained, others discarded. History moved from being part of Indology to becoming a social science. This meant drawing out the historical interface between society, economy, religion and culture in an attempt at a more meaningful understanding of the past.



Professor Romila Thapar is an eminent historian whose work stresses a many-faceted view of the history of India. She is a prolific author whose works include the well known "A History of India". Prof. Thapar has been conferred many academic honours including honorary doctorates by the Universities of Chicago, Calcutta, Oxford and Edinburgh, amongst others. She was awarded the Fukuoka Cultural Prize in 1997, and the Kluge Prize in 2008 for lifetime achievement in the field of history. In 2009, she was elected as an Honorary Member of the American Historical Association.

Lecture open to all.

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