## **Teaching of Economic History**

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In collaboration with the Department of History and the Centre for Social Sciences and Humanities, Calcutta University, IDSK organized a three-day workshop on the 'Teaching of economic history' during July 22-24, 2004. This workshop highlighted the economic history and its historiography beginning from the ancient period up to the most recent period i.e., India after independence.

A large number of teachers (more than a hundred) from colleges and universities as well as research scholars participated in the workshop. The papers or talks of established historians and economists such as Irfan Habib, Binay Bhusan Chauduri, Sabyasachi Bhattacharya, Amiya Kumar Bagchi, Shirin Moosvi, Aniruddha Ray, Ranabir Chakravarti, Basudeb Chattopadhyay, Arun Bandopadhyay, Debdas Banerjee and Sudip Chaudhuri were followed by lively discussion.

The period covered stretched from the Harappan times to the 1990s, and the contents covered schools of historiography, questions of method, sources, quality of evidence and the connections between histories at different levels and of different categories such as money, commercialization, the nature of agrarian society, property relations, man-environment links and trade links.