



## Seminar Notice

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will deliver a lecture on

### Indian Muslim(s) After Liberalisation

*Abstract*

This lecture is a prelude to my forthcoming book, *Indian Muslim(s) After Liberalisation*. It deals with the problems of Muslim minorities in contemporary India. The book suggests that there are three principal reasons for neglect of socio-economic aspects of Indian Muslims during the period of neoliberal economic reforms. First, the problems of Muslims are inadequately understood by the governmental agencies and the political leadership. As a result, the state either ignores the real issues of the Muslims or tries to resolve them through a piecemeal approach. Secondly, the lack of a progressive leadership among the Indian Muslims has traditionally confined the problems of the community to the issues of *identity* and *security* instead of the demands for *equity*. Thirdly, popular Hindi cinema in most cases, has misrepresented the identity of Indian Muslims by age-old stereotypes, demonisation and vilification without showing the actual problems of the Muslim minorities. As a result, the wrong notions, misconception, and myths regarding Muslims only proliferate and permeate among large sections of the Indian population while the structural problems of the Muslims hardly get attention for remedy. Finally, without being trapped only in the particularist question of Indian Muslims, this book has proposed three routes of radical democratic politics along with visions for a post-neoliberal order of reimagining India in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

**Date: June 22 (Friday), 2018**

**Time: 3.15 pm**

**Venue: IDSK Seminar Room, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor**

**All are Welcome**

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