



CCMG INVITED LECTURE ON

New Media and the Culture of Youth "Radicalisation"

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Abstract:

This paper focuses on the changing representation of youth violence in India. The state's attempts to bring the networked protests of the middle class young within the ambit of sanctions historically reserved for terror, highlights its anxiety specifically over the New Media. The extraordinary powers of communication and publishing which digitisation now makes available to educated youth, through interactivity, cross-referentiality and convergence with audio and video entertainment and mobile telephony, lies at the heart of their concern. Setting aside ageist and ethnocentric explanations for the 'radicalisation' of youth, the paper argues for opening up mainstream education itself to an academic scrutiny into terror.

Bio

Prof (Ms) Amrit Srinivasan trained in sociology and social anthropology at the Delhi School of Economics and Cambridge University, UK, where she obtained her doctoral degree. She has co-edited two books and many journal articles in the sociology of Knowledge and Culture, her twin fields of interest. Currently Visiting Professor at the IIT Delhi she has taught at Hindu College, Delhi University and the Dept of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Delhi (1992-2014).

From 2008-2011, Prof Srinivasan served as Principal Investigator on the Asia-Link Higher Education European Commission project "LeNS - The Learning Network on Sustainability", in which India partnered with five nations - China, Thailand, Finland, Netherlands and Italy, to set up innovative campus experiments and networks for the creation of online cross-cultural learning in Design, which could satisfy human needs aesthetically and equitably, with lower environmental and social costs. Recently awarded the Tagore National Fellowship for Cultural Research by the Ministry of Culture, Prof Srinivasan has been the recipient of the Commonwealth Scholarship, the Shastri Indo Canadian Fellowship and the Charles Wallace Fellowship in the past. She was nominated Visiting Chair to the University of Tel Aviv Israel and was invited as a Visiting Fellow at the Faculties of Arts and Informatics, University of Wollongong, Australia and the Centre of South Asian Studies, Cambridge. From 2010-13, she was invited to serve on the National Integration Council of the Govt of India, as a representative for Women's Issues.

EVENT DETAILS

Venue: CCMG Network Governance Lab

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