

## Dr. Pratap Bhanu Mehta

### Academic Visit Schedule

#### Seminars

April 25 & May 2, 4-5:30pm

#### Conference

April 29, 9:30- 5:30pm

Institute of Asian Research

Room 120 | CK Choi Bldg

*1855 West Mall*



#### Dr. Pratap Bhanu Mehta - Academic Visitor

Dr. Pratap Bhanu Mehta (President, Center for Policy Research, New Delhi) will be an Academic visitor at CISAR and IAR from April 25 to May 4. During his visit, he will give two public talks -- on April 25 and May 2. Both talks will be from 4-5.30 pm in Choi (120). In addition, Dr. Mehta will also be available for office meetings by appointment and office hours.

Dr. Mehta is a distinguished academic and has also done extensive public policy work. He was Member-Convenor of the Prime Minister of India's National Knowledge Commission; Member of the Supreme Court appointed Lyngdoh Committee on Indian Universities and has contributed to a number of reports for leading Government of India and International Agencies. He was on the Board of Governors of IDRC. He was Vice-Chair of the World Economic Forum's Council on Global Governance. He has also served on the Board of NIPFP, NCAER and NIID. He is also on the Editorial Board of numerous journals including the American Political Science Review and Journal of Democracy.

He has published widely in the fields of political theory, intellectual history, constitutional law, politics and society in India and international politics. His scholarly articles have appeared in leading international referred journals in the field, as well as numerous edited volumes. His early work was on eighteenth century thought, particularly on Adam Smith and the Making of the Enlightenment. He has also written on issues of Cosmopolitanism, Liberalism, Rights, Judicial Review, International Governance and Democratic Theory. His most recent publications include, *The Burden of Democracy* and an edited volume *India's Public Institutions*.

He is a recipient of several awards. He won the Malcolm S. Adisheshiah Award for Social Sciences in 2010, the prestigious Infosys Prize in 2011 and the Amartya Sen Award for Social Science, 2013.

#### Conference:

CISAR and IAR will host a public conference on "The Challenges of Urbanization" on April 29. The conference will feature a keynote talk by Dr. Pratap Bhanu Mehta and papers by Professor John Harriss (SFU), Dr. Milind Kandlikar (UBC), Dr. Naresh Devineni (CUNY) and Professor Amartya Lahiri (UBC). The conference is open to the public. It will be held in Choi 120 from 9.30 am to 5.30 pm

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