

FAHAM-A Discussion Forum

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Cordially invites you to attend the 7th Public Lecture on

Representations of History and the Crisis of Present Times By Prof. Mahesh Sharma



About the Speaker: Professor Mahesh Sharma, Department of History (DES), Panjab University, Chandigarh served as ICCR-India Chair Professor at Tel-Aviv University, Israel; Fellow, Indian Institute of Advanced Study (Shimla); Senior Fulbright Fellow at the Center for India and South-Asia (University of California, Los Angeles); and Visiting Faculty at the University of Florida, USA. Apart from articles in peer-reviewed journals and book-chapters, Prof. Sharma is the author of: *Western Himalayan Temple Records: State, Pilgrimage, Ritual and Legality in Chamba*, (Leiden/Boston: Brill, 2009); *The Realm of Faith: Subversion, Appropriation and Dominance in the Western Himalaya*, (Shimla: IAS, 2001), and co-editor, *Indian Painting: Themes, Histories, Interpretations* (Ahmedabad/Ocean, NJ: Mapin/Grantha, 2013). Recently Prof. Sharma has been awarded the Discovery International Award by the Australian Research Council to work for three years on Discovery Project with the Australian National University, Canberra.

About the Lecture: Every nation/collectivity imagines the past through a specific set of instruments and filters. The past, therefore, is a dynamic that is constantly negotiated, reinvented and determined by the present. This fluidity results in a variety of histories, though each based on a set of credible and verifiable evidences. When the evidence is uncertain, motivated by presentism, there is a crisis in history writing—the crisis of present times.

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Venue: Seminar Room, Department of Public Administration, PU