

The Globalization and Society in India Working Group at George Mason University invites you to attend a one-day conference:

***Charting an alternative imaginary:
Re-thinking "progress" for a globalizing India.***

Thursday, April 12th, 2012

Dewberry Hall, Johnson Center, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA.

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Students, faculty and scholars are invited to attend and actively participate in a one-day conference where various speakers unpack the ways in which "progress" is viewed and articulated within the context of India. Emerging in the wake of a very successful conference in 2009, the Globalization and Society in India (GSI) working group continue to foster innovative and cutting edge conversations on the role of globalization in India. However, over the past two years as the world economies and India (to a certain degree) enter new phases, where the unbridled economic growth of the past two decades comes to a staggering halt, it becomes pertinent to have the second part of the conversation that began two years ago. What now?

As the world changes and awakes to the growing chasm between the haves and the have nots, the working group commits itself to the project of asking whither which way India? While some argue that capitalism as a model for sustainable growth and equitable human rights has failed and others put forward the crumbled imagery of the exploitative communist state we ask what is the way ahead? We think it is vital to begin conversations that imagine and engage concrete alternative options for a vibrant and equitable India in the 21st century.

Keynote speaker, **Chidanand Rajghatta of the Times of India** brings a journalist's perspective to the scholarship on carefully constructed panels. The day offers times for audience interaction and dialog and we invite you to encourage anyone interested in Globalization and India to spend the day in scholarly and critical conversations.

ALL early registrants are FREE including students, faculty, and other members of the public. Register by April 8th to attend the whole day at no charge. Registration after April 8th or at the door will cost \$10.

Register by emailing mglobal@gmu.edu with your full name and affiliation with your intent to attend the April 12th conference.

Tentative Schedule:

8:30 – 9:15 – Breakfast and Sign In

9:15 – 9:30 – Welcome note

9:30 – 11:30 – Panel I - *Discourses of Education, Development, and Progress*

11:30 – 12:15 – Lunch (included)

12:15 – 1:30 – Keynote Address - Mr. Chidanand Rajghatta, Foreign Editor, The Times of India

1:45 – 3:45 – Panel II - *Marginalized groups in India*

4:00 – 4:30 – Tea Reception

4:30 – 7:30 – Movie (Three Idiots)

7:30 – 8:00 – Closing Reception