

# **A brilliant history: The first rise of the university form in India, 6th Century BCE to 12th Century CE, 8 October 2020**



00:21:27 Simon Marginson: Great to see many colleagues from India in the webinar. The great higher education tradition in India needs to be understood worldwide.

00:36:34 Simon Marginson: My friends, this is a rich presentation - how instructive is history - and we look forward to your interesting questions and testaments. Join the discussion - put your question/ ideas in the Chat and I will be able to call you in

00:40:13 Ameet Kumar Bali: I Amit Bali from Jammu and Kashmir India want to know that irrespective of having very old establishment universities in India . my question is why the scholars from these universities is unknown to all of us as we much know about the Greek thinkers like Socrate plato and Aristotle

00:42:41 Gillian Hogg: Such an interesting talk and background to universities. In view of terming the essential features as 'market failures' of universities - what does this say about university teaching of economics?

00:42:56 Kriti Dagar: Hi I am Kriti from national institute of educational planning and administration in New Delhi, India. Great and rich presentation indeed. I have two questions;Could you throw some light on the global institutional innovations?

00:43:40 Kriti Dagar: secondly, could you also describe the economics of university teaching that u mentioned regarding externalities

00:44:12 Doria Abdullah: Thanks for the presentation! Impressive stories. Not sure where to begin, in terms of questions really...

00:44:28 Goolam Mohamedbhai: Absolutely fascinating!

00:45:25 Maria Ahmad: Definitely a great presentation and very informative, but I am not sure, why when Asian cultural scholars need to make any claims of cultural superiority, the criteria and evidence for supporting the claims are strikingly western. Isn't it paradoxical?

00:47:35 Nivedita Sarkar: Thanks Prof. Mehta for this absolutely fascinating presentation.

00:49:51 Shailendra Mehta: Thank you.

00:50:21 julia Hope: thank you. This was fantastic , I am at the University of Kent, UK

00:52:10 Amardeep kumar: What was relation of university with larger society and how society were not able to protect the literature even after the destruction of university?

00:54:07 Maxwell Addo: Max Addo (UCL and QMUL). Thanks a lot for this brilliant presentation. It would appear that in touching on the topic of the economic influence referred to on one of your earlier slides, the contribution and place of Africa (Egypt and related regions) was not represented. Could you kindly share some thoughts on that; even if remotely relevant. Thank you

00:54:17 Roopsha Sil: Thank you Sir! I have just completed my masters in Ancient Indian History and Culture from Calcutta University and I had no idea about this. I am now enrolling into Oxford for an Mphil. I am hope to research into redesigning of Indian education system for a post Covid India which will be entering a Industrial 4.0 age. May I communicate with you via e-mail?

00:55:17 Indira Nagesh: Fantastic talk Prof Mehta, I am Indira Nagesh from Oxford. Learnt history today which was never taught to us and glad to know we had a women's university back in 535CE. Would you say that there were no Scientific Method in the scholarly innovations from the Indian Universities? What makes European Scientific Method unique? Is it the publishing of the innovations that was unique in European Universities?

00:56:03 Krishna Radia: prof. Mehta very rightly mentions that the "Easterners are not very good at blowing their own trumpet" but what about the Westerns not willing to look at the value of what the East had to offer?

00:58:42 Jyoti Arora: Thank you Prof. Mehta for such an enriching presentation. One of the ancient universities like Nalanda which still exist, I was wondering about rupture/discontinuity that its nowhere in the top league as compared to some of the old universities of Europe and USA, despite having such rich history of innovation.

01:12:44 Lisa Lucas: Thanks so much for this fascinating presentation. Extremely important research and look forward to reading more of your work.

01:13:34 Cristina Carvalho: Thanks Prof. Mehta for this absolutely fascinating presentation and Prof Simon for bringing us the India history of Higher Education

01:13:56 Ian McNay: I was a member of senate in the UK Open U. It had 900 members. It worked well with the senior management team and was influentia in crucial policy decisions. The collegial community and commonality of values and commitment fed in to that.

01:14:23 Ian McNay: That was from Ian McNay- sorry.

01:14:32 Amardeep kumar: Thank you Prof Mehta for fascinating presentation.

01:15:07 Linh Nguyen: Thank you so much Shailendra, Simon and everyone, the presentation and discussion are intriguing. It's wonderful to learn about the convergence and divergence of ideas throughout history and in different parts of the world. I think we are

always humbled by the past so that we can walk the presence with a little bit more of confidence and gratitude.

01:16:37 Maxwell Addo: Brilliant presentation. Thank you, Prof Mehta.

01:18:03 Ameet Kumar Bali: thanks for very informative presentation salinder sir

01:18:21 Zachery Spire: This was awesome! Thank you so much! Look forward to next time.

01:18:45 Jack Lee: fantastic historical analysis. I will need to tell Ruth Hayhoe to watch the recorded video.