

SOCH 1

The Poverty of Political Economy



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4.00 PM
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Room 406

Guest Lecture by Lord Meghnad Desai on the Poverty of Political Economy

NLUD Library Committee is organizing a Guest Lecture by Lord Meghnad Desai on 'The Poverty of Political Economy' on Wednesday 22 March, at 4:00 PM.

Venue: Room 406, NLU Delhi.

This is the first lecture of the series titled 'Soch', organised by the NLUD Library Committee, to encourage intellectually stimulating discussions on campus.

Born in India, Lord Meghnad Desai is a member of the British House of Lords and an emeritus professor of economics at the London School of Economics, where he taught from 1965 to 2003.

In *The Poverty of Political Economy* (HarperCollins, 2022), Lord Desai masterfully takes the reader through the history of the academic treatment of economics. In doing so he shows how the concerns of the poor have been marginalised in what has come to be seen as sound economics in mainstream economics. In the book, as elsewhere, he is engaging and delightfully combative. He has written and/or edited many others including *The Rediscovery of India* (Bloomsbury, 2009), *Hubris: Why Economists Failed to Predict the Crisis and How to Avoid the Next One* (Yale University Press, 2015) and *The Raisina Model: Indian Democracy at 70* (Penguin, 2017).

In 1992, Lord Desai established the Centre for the Study of Global Governance at the LSE. From 1990 to 1995, he was the director and founding member of the LSE's Development Studies Institute. In 1991, he was made the Lord Desai of St. Clement Danes. In 2008, he was awarded the Padma Bhushan. He has written over 25 books, over 200 articles in learned journals and hundreds of newspaper columns in India and the UK. His interests are eclectic and varied, ranging from economics and sociology to rhetoric and the history of Indian cinema.