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Public Lecture

on

TWO FRAMEWORKS OF RELIGIOUS PLURALISM

by



Rajeev Bhargava

Abstract

In this talk, Professor Rajeev Bhargava examines the theological, social and political conditions for the existence of religious pluralism. He distinguishes a model of religious pluralism that is grounded in porous boundaries and fluidity of movement between communities, encouraging acceptance and mutual respect from a model of religious toleration in which an ensemble of doctrinally bounded religious/philosophical communities live together somewhat reluctantly. He illustrates his points with examples from India and Europe and argues that what distinguishes the two models is not the presence or absence of conflict but how these conflicts are handled.

Bio of Speaker

Rajeev Bhargava has been at the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies since 2005 and is currently the director of its newly launched Institute of Indian Thought. He was the Director of the centre from 2007-2014. He has been a Professor at the Centre for Political Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi (1980-2005), and between 2001 and 2005 was Head, Department of Political Science, University of Delhi. Bhargava did his BA in economics from the University of Delhi, and MPhil and DPhil from Oxford University. He has also been a Fellow at Harvard University, University of Bristol, Institute of Advanced Studies, Jerusalem, Wissenschaftskolleg, Berlin, and the Institute for Human Sciences, Vienna. He has also been Distinguished Resident Scholar, Institute for Religion, Culture and Public Life, Columbia University, and Asia Chair at Sciences Po, Paris. He is Honorary Fellow, Balliol College, Oxford and currently a Professorial Fellow at the Institute of social justice, ACU, Sydney.

Bhargava's publications include *Individualism in Social Science* (1992), *What is Political Theory and Why Do We Need It?* (2010) and *The Promise of India's Secular Democracy* (2010). His edited works are *Secularism and Its Critics* (1998) and *Politics and Ethics of the Indian Constitution* (2008). Bhargava is on the advisory board of several national and international institutions, and was a consultant for the UNDP report on cultural liberty.

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