Institute Lecture

Dr. Bibek Debroy

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Contemporary Issues in Indian Economic Development



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About the Speaker

Bibek Debroy is an Indian economist and author. Dr. Debroy has made significant contributions to game theory, economic theory, income and social inequalities, poverty, law reforms, railway reforms and Indology, among others.

He is currently serving as the Chairman of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM). From its inception in January 2015, till June 2019, Dr. Debroy was a member of the NITI Aayog, the think tank of Indian Government. He was awarded the Padma Shri in 2015. In 2016, he was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award by US-India Business Summit.

Dr. Debroy has authored over 100 books in the field of Economics, Polity, Indology and Sanskrit. He translated the unabridged version of Mahabharata into English, becoming only the third person ever to achieve the feat. This translation was published in a series of 10 volumes amounting to 2.25 million words. He has also translated the Bhagavad Gita, the Harivamsa, the Vedas, the Bhagavata Purana (in three volumes) and the Valmiki Ramayana (in three volumes). Along with Manmatha Nath Dutt, he is only the second person to have translated both the Mahabharata and the Valmiki Ramayana, in unabridged form, into English. He has featured in the 2019 Limca Book of Records as a "most prolific translator". His past positions include the Director of the Rajiv Gandhi Institute for Contemporary Studies, Consultant to the Department of Economic Affairs of Finance Ministry (Government of India), Secretary General of PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Director of the project LARGE (Legal Adjustments and Reforms for Globalising the Economy), set up by the Finance Ministry and UNDP for examining legal reforms in India.

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