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V K R V Rao Prize in Social Sciences

Dr. Manish Kumar Thakur

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Dr. Manish Kumar Thakur, Professor at the Public Policy and Management Group of the Indian Institute of Management Calcutta, Kolkata began his academic career as a Lecturer in Sociology at Goa University (1997-2007). He was also a Fellow at the Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla (2011-13).

Dr. Manish Thakur's academic work span over themes ranging from water resources management and rural development knowledge institutions to intellectual history and indigenous theories. Besides research publications in scholarly journals, he has authored two books - Indian Village: A Conceptual History (2014) and The Quest for Indian Sociology (2014). He has co-edited the volume Management Education in India: Perspectives and Practices (2017). His research straddles three broad fields of sociological enquiry: Political sociology, Public policy and Disciplinary history. In his work, he synthesises two apparently irreconcilable scholarly traditions: political economy and cultural studies. This recent writings have addressed the contemporary practices of the discipline of sociology in different institutional settings. His research has also problematized the historical evolution of the discipline by engaging with the quest for indigenous social theory and Indian intellectual traditions. Dr. Thakur is the recipient of the Indian Sociological Society's Prof. M. N. Srinivas Memorial Award for Young Sociologist (2007) and the Indian Social Science Association's Prof. Radhakamal Mukerjee Memorial Award for the Young Social Scientist (2002).

Institute for Social and Economic Change and Indian Council of Social Science Research, on the recommendation of the learned juries, as an expression of high esteem, and in recognition of noted interdisciplinary teaching and research activities are pleased to confer upon Dr. Manish Kumar Thakur, the V K R V Rao Prize in Social Sciences (Sociology) for the year 2014 on the 14th February 2017.

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