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lecture

East and West: the images of the world

Thursday 25th June 2015

at 6.00pm

Simone WEIL amphitheater
5, allée Jacques Berque, Nantes

By

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Currently **Sudhir CHANDRA** is working on the interplay of religion, culture, and nationalism by focusing on upper caste converts to Christianity, and on the last days of Gandhi. His research project is entitled: "Beyond modernity: religion, culture, nation and the dream of nonviolence".

Svante FISCHER conducted post-doctoral research as Chargé de Mission at the *Musée d'Archéologie nationale* in St Germain-en-Laye (France). The main focus of his research is on the Late Roman Empire and the Germanic world of the Migration Period with a comparative approach to Africa, America and Asia in the 19th and 20th centuries. His research project is untitled: "Urban reform and resilience in Late Roman Gaul".

Ki-Won HONG is teaching history of law in South Korean universities. His research area covers not only history of law but also comparative law, aiming at constructing academic bridge linking South Korean scholars to foreign colleagues. His research project is entitled: "The best political regime for the Reformers of the early modern period".

Theme

The main theme of the lecture is “East and West: the images of the world”. Ki -Won Hong will speak about the Sinology of Leibniz. Svante Fisher will develop his ideas on Occidentalism projected by westerners themselves. Sudhir Chandra will close the lecture with his own testimony as a researcher at a cross between the East and the West.

Program

- 18h00-18h05 Opening
- 18h05-18h25 Svante Fischer « L'Occidentalisme des occidentaux ». Speech in French
- 18h25-18h40 Ki-Won Hong «When European metaphysics meets the philosophy of the Far East: a reading of the Leibniz ‘*Novissima Sinica*’». Speech in French
- 18h40-19h00 Sudhir Chandra « Beyond the Orient - Occident Divide ». Speech in English
- 19h00-19h30 Discussions