“Distinguished Lectures 2020”

Panjab University, February 7, 2020. The event was held at the Mulk Raj Anand Auditorium, Panjab University, Chandigarh. It was organised by Panjab University Alumni Association in collaboration with the Department of English and Cultural Studies. The speakers for the event were, Prof. Alex Taek-Gwang Lee, Kyung Hee University, Seoul, Prof. Joff P.N. Bradley, Teikyo University, Tokyo Japan, and Dr. Manoj NY, Jamia Millia Islamia University. The event was divided into three sessions, one for each of the esteemed speakers.

Prof. Joff P.N. Bradley, Teikyo University, Tokyo Japan, spoke on “Cockroaches, Transhumanism and Trauma”, elaborating on how manipulation and control of insects represents a rapid shift from a world of biological control to a technological one and addressed the unresolved philosophical arguments that accompany the rise of AI.

Dr. Manoj NY, Jamia Millia Islamia University, spoke on “Decolonizing the Social: Post/Non-human Imaginary”. Addressing the epistemological process of engaging with and rebuilding the social in its post/non-human present, he brought to light the role of anthropology in understanding the social life of things.

The final speaker for the event was Prof. Alex Taek-Gwang Lee, Kyung Hee University, Seoul who spoke on “Machine and Subjectivity: Does AI Dream Like Us?” Prof. Alex explored the differences between the human and the AI methods of information and experience processing.

Each session was followed by an engaging Question and Answer session.

The event was brought to a close with a vote of thanks by Dr. Meenu Gupta, followed by lunch in the foyer.

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