

COLLOQUIUM

Dear friend,

It is our great pleasure to invite you to the Colloquium on
Reflections on the Electoral Mandate 2014

jointly organized by

the Kerala Council for Historical Research [KCHR]

and the Institute of English

at the Senate Chamber, University of Kerala

Thiruvananthapuram on Friday, 11th July, 2014 at 10.00 am

Professor Aijaz Ahmad,

eminent theoretician and political thinker

will speak on the occasion.

We look forward to your presence and participation in the event

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Londonum Parisum
by Barrister G.P. Pillai,
the latest
KCHR Publication
will be released
in the function

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will be available
for sale at
the Senate Chamber

INVITATION

Chair : K.N. Panikkar
Chairman, KCHR

Speaker : Aijaz Ahmad
Nehru Memorial Museum & Library, New Delhi

Discussion

Moderator : Shashi Kumar
Chairman, Media Development Foundation
& Asian College of Journalism

Reflections on the Electoral Mandate 2014: The colloquium offers reflections on the significance of BJP's return to power with a clear-cut majority, in the short as well as the longer term. It interrogates the new conjunction between corporate power, neoliberal political economy and Hindutva ideology. What have been the logics at work in the Indian polity over forty years or so, since the Emergency more or less, which has finally led to this denouement? What implications does these new conjunctions have for definitions of Indian national polity? How is this long-gestating trend in Indian politics related to global developments? And, finally, does Indian corporate capital need "fascism"?



Aijaz Ahmad is Professorial Fellow, Centre of Contemporary Studies, Nehru Memorial Museum & Library, New Delhi and Visiting Professor, Political Science, York University, Toronto. A public intellectual of international standing, Ahmad points to the need for a nuanced understanding of the 'third world' which he feels has been homogenised by the western academia. In his classic *In Theory: Classes, Nations, Literatures*, Ahmad mounts an incisive

critique of poststructuralist and postmodernist conception. Ahmad alerts on the shifts in polity and economy and cautions against the dangers of global capital which flattens the world and extends its control over all facets of life.



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