

Lecture Series:

What is Knowledge and Knowing Disciplinary Perspectives

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What it is.

Sherlock Holmes famously made the distinction between seeing and observing. The former amounts to looking at something passively. The latter, on the contrary, is to understand what is going on. For Holmes observing is a complex process that reveals the picture hidden (may be in plain sight) among the myriad data. This lecture series invites scholars to observe the notion of knowledge and knowing employed within their disciplinary practices. To make the question more concrete consider the example of literary studies. When do we say one knows Kalidasa's Kumara Sambhava or Milton's Paradise Lost? The ability to read and comprehend a poem's meaning does not seem sufficient to claim knowledge of it. Then, what is it to know in the context of literary studies? We ask the same question with respect to other disciplines.

What it is not.

These engagements are not short-introductions to any discipline or specific topics. We are not asking what literary studies, poetry, or economics are. We are also not asking how these disciplines emerged. Instead, the idea is to ask what knowledge is or what is treated as knowledge within the practices of various disciplines. However, explaining what is treated as knowledge in a discipline may require an understanding of the historical emergence and the evolution of the discipline itself. This would be an exercise in self reflection as well as an inquiry into the foundations of one's own discipline. Such inquiries, we believe, are philosophical and would evocate an vocation for mutual engagement.

The event will be in **HYBRID** mode. Register at the following link to attend online:

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