

public lecture:

# *Changing Interpretations of Early Indian History*

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with an introduction by **Heinz Engl**,  
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In this lecture, Romila Thapar discusses broader themes related to the colonial period and the nationalist reaction in India. Thapar will address the gradual change in the study of ancient Indian history from a topic of Indology to an aspect of social science. She will also address recent research on related questions such as the post-colonial critique of knowledge systems and social identity.

**Romila Thapar** is Professor Emerita at the Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University. In 2008, she was awarded the John W. Kluge Prize in the Human Sciences for lifetime achievement in the humanistic and social sciences. She is the recipient of Honorary Doctorates from Peradeniya University (Sri Lanka), the University of Chicago, the University of Calcutta, the University of Oxford, Edinburgh University, and SNDT Women's University (Mumbai).

