Alternative Futures Annual Lecture Series Pathways to Visionary Futures

Second Annual Lecture, 2017 An Indic Model for the Global Future

The Second lecture in the series was delivered by Prof. Michel Danino on 31st March, 2017 at the India Habitat Centre, New Delhi. A long-time student of ancient Indian history and author of the book 'Indian Culture and India's Future' among others, Prof. Danino discussed the significance of Indian knowledge systems in providing alternatives to solve today's global challenges. Numerous external onslaughts and internal conquests, particularly the colonial period, have left the Indian identity wounded to the extent that much of our ancient knowledge has either been lost or conveniently sidelined in modern historical narratives. Some of the most prominent aspects of Indic philosophy and knowledge systems are self-effacement, interconnectedness of all life, and a consequent respect for nature. These values have been integral to the Indian way of life since ancient times and are important especially now that we are confronted with anthropogenic climate change and sustainability issues.

<u>Watch</u> Prof. Danino enumerate the various Indian values which can help pave the way for a more just and sustainable future for human beings.

