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By

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On

***The future of the past: making sense of the
history of modern historiography***

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12.15 PM

**Venue: Seminar Room, Department of
History and Culture, JMI**

Abstract:

Since the beginning of human memory many ways of knowing, telling, writing and unlearning history have emerged across the world. This has periodically redefined the historian's relationship with his archive. As more history moves into the domain of the media and critical theory in our troubled modern times we must reinterrogate the growth, viability and popularity of history as a traditional professional discipline. This presentation critically looks at four moments in the evolution of modern historiography before suggesting solutions to the problem of history writing we face these days.

About the Speaker:

Dr. Anirudh Deshpande is an Associate Professor at the Department of History, University of Delhi. A former Nehru Fellow, he is the author of *The British Raj and its Indian Armed Forces* (2002); *British Military Policy in India 1900-1945* (2005); *Class, power and consciousness in Indian cinema and television* (2009) and numerous research papers, articles and reviews in reputed peer reviewed journals and the media. He has recently been selected as the Motilal Nehru Centenary Biography Fellow at the NMML, Teen Murti. His *Naval Mutiny and Street Nationalism 1946* is forthcoming by Primus Books.