



# India and Non-Western Secularism

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The critics of secularism, whether they are themselves religious or not, have focused on its European origins and allegedly Christian specificity as one of their chief lines of argument. India's history and character as a secular state allows us to look at the way in which secularism has been debated and defined in quite different ways outside Europe. This lecture will explore such discussions not simply in constitutional terms but also as part of a new kind of secular culture outside the law.

Prof Devji is Professor of Indian History at St Anthony's College, University of Oxford. He is interested in Indian political thought as well as that of modern Islam. Prof Devji's broader concerns have to do with ethics and violence in a globalized world.

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