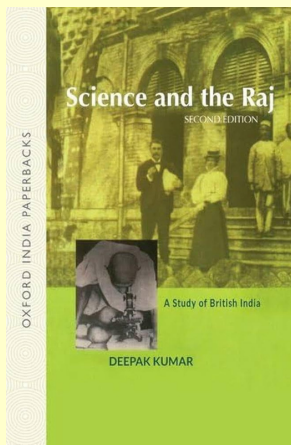
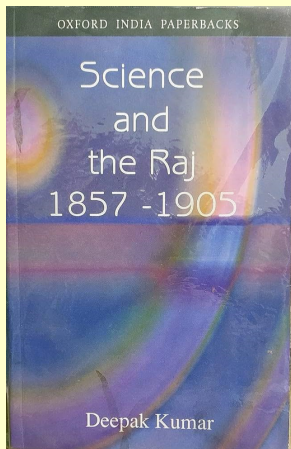




ONE-DAY SEMINAR
ON
“REVISITING *SCIENCE AND THE
RAJ: A CRITICAL APPRAISAL*”

**K. P. Basu Memorial Hall, Jadavpur University
28 January 2025, 10:30 AM**

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When Oxford University Press first published *Science and the Raj* in 1995, it revealed a decade of preoccupation with the politics of scientific knowledge in colonial India, which had been a major area of study in India and other countries throughout the 1980s. Although ‘science and society’ has been a framework for studying the history of science in India since the 1950s, only a small percentage of science historians have engaged with it, and they have had difficulty establishing its issues and questions within the context of South-Asian history writing.

A pioneer in the development of the unique subfield of history that examined science in colonial and modern India is Deepak Kumar. Perhaps one of his most important conceptual contributions was his ability to help us distinguish between a science that is driven by curiosity and a colonial science that became a handmaiden to British rule in South Asia and an integral part of colonial dominance.

Even after three decades since its initial publication, *Science and the Raj* remains relevant. There have been two editions and twenty-six reprints since then. Bengali, Urdu, and Hindi translations of the book are available. Given the current state of the historiography of science and technology in British India, now may be the perfect moment to critically engage with the book. All are cordially invited.



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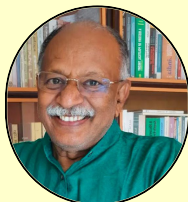
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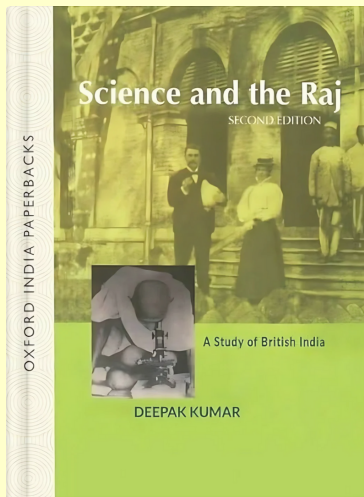
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