

# THE BAY OF BENGAL: HISTORY, MEMORY AND THE FUTURE

## Opening Remarks

### **Professor C Raja Mohan**

Director, Institute of South Asian Studies, NUS

#### Speaker

#### **Professor Sunil Amrith**

Mehra Family Professor of South Asian Studies & Professor of History, Harvard University, United States; and Academic Visitor, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore

5 July 2018 (Thursday)

4.00pm – 5.45pm

Left Chamber, Level 1, NUSS Guild House

9 Kent Ridge Drive, Singapore 119241

#### **About the Lecture**

After decades of neglect, the Bay of Bengal is again at the forefront of economic life and political discussion. The lecture will examine the ways in which the Bay of Bengal's history of regional integration and subsequent disintegration continue to shape and constrain current possibilities. The lecture will focus on an earlier moment of conflict in the region between the forces of openness and insularity in the mid-twentieth century, and will show how some of the unresolved legacies of that time are still with us.

#### **About the Speaker**

Sunil S Amrith is Mehra Family Professor of South Asian Studies and Professor of History at Harvard University. He is an Academic Visitor at the Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore, in July and August 2018.

Amrith is a 2017 MacArthur Fellow, and recipient of the 2016 Infosys Prize in Humanities. He is the author of several books and articles, including *Crossing the Bay of Bengal: The Furies of Nature and the Fortunes of Migrants* (Harvard University Press, 2013) and the forthcoming *Unruly Waters: How Mountain Rivers and Monsoons Have Shaped South Asia's History* (Allen Lane, December 2018).

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