

Webinar on

"History and Geography in the Service of a Nation: The Concept of Natural Boundaries"

By

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VIRSA: The History Society of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Khalsa College, University of Delhi organised a Webinar on "History and Geography in the Service of a Nation: The Concept of Natural Boundaries" on 18th February 2021 at 2:30 PM in which Professor Dibyesh Anand from University of Westminster, UK joined us for a lecture.

Webinar began with an introductory note welcoming Professor Dibyesh Anand, who had joined us from University of Westminster, UK. He is serving as the Head of Department of Politics and International Relations. He often considers himself as a curious scholar, a lifelong student, a passionate lecturer, or a public intellectual. He has been keen on research, academic writings and public engagement on topics including politics and international relations of Tibetans rendered stateless with Chinese rule, Islamophobia in India, majoritarian nationalisms, politics of security and representation, ethnic relations in Zanzibar, emergence of China and India as major non-Western powers as well as contested nature of nation-state formations in China and South Asia, Bhutan's international affairs, and the Kashmir conflict.

History is as much shaped by geography as it is by almost any other factor. The more easily that students can see the interdependence of history and geography, the more understandable and interesting both subjects become. He elaborated the significance of "History and Geography in the Service of a Nation: The Concept of Natural Boundaries". He started his lecture by giving the difference between Delimitation and Demarcation. Then he elaborated the role of Himalayas as a natural boundary. He went on to explain topics like relation of India with its neighbouring countries especially with China and Tibet; why it is important to study history; border disputes in historical perspective; what Tibetan people want; and about India-Tibet friendship. After Prof.

Dibyesh ended his lecture, the Question and Answer round took place by picking up the participant's questions. At the end of the session, Convenor of the department delivered the vote of thanks speech in honour of Prof. Dibyesh Anand. The Webinar was successfully conducted with over 80 participants.

Virsa is enthusiastic to conduct more of such events in future.