

Center for Glocal Studies Lecture Series

# India's Energy Policy Options

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**Seijo University, Room 322**

### The Lecture:

India embarked on an ambitious nuclear program soon after its independence, becoming one of the earliest countries in Asia to “go nuclear” in the 1970s. Nuclear and other advanced technologies have been regarded as central to post-colonial India's future, and the atomic establishment has enjoyed near complete political consensus, state patronage| and popular support. Turning the geopolitical situation, it's huge consumer market, and weaknesses of the Non-Proliferation Treaty to its advantage, India has achieved legitimacy for its nuclear weapons and in return has promised to import nuclear technology from the major foreign suppliers. At the same time, renewable energy technologies have advanced and become more efficient, and these could be better options for the rural communities that still make up the majority of India's population. This talk will discuss these crucial choices, as well as Japan's potential to play either a positive or negative role in India's future.



There will be a question and answer period after the lecture.

**Language: English,**

**Moderator: Dennis Riches**



### Biography:

Kumar Sundaram is Senior Researcher with the *Coalition for Nuclear Disarmament and Peace* (CNDP), a network of more than 600 grassroots peace organisations and groups formed after the Indian nuclear tests in 1998. He has an M.Phil in Disarmament Studies from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi and worked with Pugwash India as Senior Research Fellow from 2008-2011.

Since the meltdowns at Fukushima Dai-ichi NPP, India's nuclear energy development plans have become extremely controversial, especially in the rural locations where power plant construction is to take place. CNDP and Kumar Sundaram have been at the forefront of coordinating education campaigns among these communities and among citizens based overseas. Kumar has been writing extensively in magazines, newspapers and websites in India and elsewhere, and he also manages *DiaNuke.org*, a comprehensive website that provides news updates and analysis on energy and development issues.

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