The Nay Science
A History of German Indology

How did ‘scientific’ method rather than ethics become the basis of the humanities?

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Taking GERMAN SCHOLARSHIP on the Indian Sanskrit Epic as an example, VISHWA ADLURI offers a critique of the modern advocacy of method over truth in the humanities.

THE NAY SCIENCE shows the essential link between the Reformation, anti-Semitism, and Wissenschaftsideologie as revealed through the German fascination with India.

Indological philology, even to this day, remains beholden to this problematic methodological inheritance.

The talk, based on the book, argues for a new conception of the HUMANITIES as a DIALOGUE between the ancients and moderns and between Eastern and Western traditions.

Join us for a wine and cheese reception & book signing after the talk!

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