

Inaugural Nalanda-Sriwijaya Centre Annual Lecture  
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# Lord Meghnad Desai



“THE RE-EMERGENCE OF ASIA:  
THE WEST AND ASIA IN THE  
POST-VASCO DA GAMA ERA”

## LORD MEGHNAD JAGDISHCHANDRA

**DESAI** is an India-born British economist and Labour politician. He is a member of the British House of Lords. Until 2005 he was the Director of the Centre for the Study of Global Governance at the London School of Economics, which he founded in 1992, and at which he is now Professor Emeritus. He has written on a wide range of topics, from macroeconomics to Bollywood. His books include *Marxian Economic Theory*; *Marx's Revenge: The Resurgence of Capitalism and the Death of Statist Socialism*; *Nehru's Hero: Dilip Kumar in the Life of India*; and, most recently, *The Rediscovery of India*. He is currently a member of the Nalanda Mentor Group which is tasked with the supervision of the revived Nalanda University in Bihar, India.

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## Lecture Details:

**Date:** 12 August 2010  
**Time:** 10.00am to 12.30pm  
**Venue:** Ballroom, Raffles Hotel  
1 Beach Road