

Indo-Canadian Studies Centre
Lecture Series

Report on Professor Dr. Sridhar Rajeswaran's talks on Deepa Mehta's Elements Trilogy

On the 23rd and 24th of January 2012, Professor Dr. Sridhar Rajeswaran, Dean, Faculty of Arts Kachchh University and DAAD Visiting Professor, Muenster University, Germany, delivered 4 lectures on Deepa Mehta's Elements Trilogy. These lectures were organized by the ICSC under its Lectureship Series programme, in collaboration with the Group for Research on the Indian Diaspora (GRID)

In the first two lectures Professor Sridhar focused on the film Earth and the manner in which Deepa Mehta, an Indo-Canadian film maker has re-imaged the Indian nation at its bloody birth. The lectures included film clips and close discussion of crucial scenes.

On the second day, Professor Sridhar delivered two more lectures on the films Fire and Water. Here the focus was on gender issues and the manner in which female sexuality is elided by patriarchy. These lectures were also accompanied by film clips and followed by discussion.

The lectures were well received and attended by students and faculty members from different department on the Kalina Campus.

