

The Trinity College Common Hour Events Committee presents:

Secularism & Scientific Temper in India: The Global Reaction to the Trinity On-line Survey of Scientists

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This illustrated presentation will tell the story of the Worldviews and Opinions of Indian Scientists Project (1100 Ph.D. scientists from 130 research institutions & universities) and the response and reactions to its findings since the Summary Report was launched at the United Nations in New York City in June 2008. The report was featured by all the main national media outlets and blogs in India, as well as in China, Sweden etc. It initiated a high-level national debate about the place of science in Indian society, economy and cultural life. Differences in the discussion about what kinds of issues are controversial between science and religion in the U.S. and in mainly Hindu India will be highlighted.

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Rittenberg Lounge, Mather Hall, Second Floor
Common Hour: 12:15 – 1:30 p.m.

To reserve a bag lunch, please email megan.fitzsimmons@trincoll.edu