FOURTH PROFESSOR BHABATOSH DATTA MEMORIAL LECTURE

Upward Mobility and the Great Gatsby Curve



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Professor Debraj Ray is a distinguished alumnus of the Department of Economics, Presidency College (1974–77). A leading scholar in development economics and game theory, he is the author of the widely acclaimed textbook *Development Economics*, which significantly reshaped the pedagogical and analytical approach to the subject. Professor Ray has held long-term academic positions at Stanford University, the Indian Statistical Institute, and Boston University, where he served as Director of the Institute for Economic Development. He was also Co-Editor of the *American Economic Review* until 2020. In addition to his permanent roles, Professor Ray has held visiting appointments at prestigious institutions including Harvard University, MIT, and the London School of Economics. His contributions to economics have been recognized through several honors, including election as a Fellow of the Econometric Society, and awards such as the Guggenheim Fellowship, the Mahalanobis Memorial Medal, and the Outstanding Young Scientists Award (in mathematics) from the Indian National Science Academy.

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