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**DIVISION OF ECONOMICS**  
Seminar Series

The Division of Economics invites you to a seminar by Associate Professor Vivek Dehejia

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- Speaker** : **Vivek Dehejia**  
*Associate Professor of Economics at Carleton University in Ottawa, Canada*
- Topic** : **"What is old is new again: The return of protectionism"**
- Chairperson** : **Assistant Professor CHEN Xiaoping**  
*Division of Economics  
School of Humanities & Social Sciences*
- Date** : **6th April 2016 (Wednesday)**
- Time** : **2.30pm to 3.30pm**
- Venue** : **Meeting Room 4 (HSS-04-71)**  
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**About the Speaker:**

Dr. Vivek Dehejia is Resident Fellow in Political Economy at IDFC Institute. Dr. Dehejia is Associate Professor of Economics at Carleton University in Ottawa, Canada; Resident Fellow in Political Economy at IDFC Institute; and Columnist, Mint.

He holds a PhD in Economics (1995) from Columbia University in New York, where his thesis supervisors included the Nobel laureate Robert Mundell and the noted international trade economist Jagdish Bhagwati. Dr. Dehejia is also co-author of "Indianomix: Making Sense of Modern India" (Random House India, 2012, republished in paperback 2015).

**Abstract:**

Candidates as different as Donald Trump and Bernie Sanders seem to be in agreement that a swell of cheap imports into the US has wreaked havoc with the living standards of poor and middle class Americans. A cry for protection by vote-seeking politicians when economic times are tough is hardly new; nor are protectionist policies themselves new. This lecture explores the roots of the "new protectionism" in light of old debates and new research to address the question: is the case for freer trade really as solid today as economists make it out to be?

**Reservation:**

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