Tuesday 18th February 3 - 4 pm
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Talk: Inequality and Indifference: Challenges of designing public health for the urban poor in India
Location: FXB, 7th Floor, Room 710

Harsh Mander has worked for almost two decades in the Indian Administrative Service in both Madhya Pradesh and Chattisgarh. He is currently chair of the government’s committee on the design of public health services for the urban poor.

He is also the director of the Centre for Equity Studies and Special Commissioner to the Supreme Court of India in the Right to Food case. He is the founder of the campaigns Aman Biradari, for secularism, peace and justice; Nyayagrah, for legal justice and reconciliation for the survivors of communal violence; Dil Se, for street children, and ‘Hausla’ for urban homeless people.

He is a founding member of the National Campaign for the People’s Right to Information. He was a Member of the Core Groups on Bonded Labour and Mental Hospitals of the statutory National Human Rights Commission; and also on various national official National Committees such as on Social Protection and BPL.

He teaches courses on poverty and governance in the Indian Institute of Management. His books include ‘Unheard Voices: Stories of Forgotten Lives’, ‘The Ripped Chest: Public Policy and the Poor in India’, ‘Fear and Forgiveness: The Aftermath of Massacre’, ‘Fractured Freedom: Chronicles from India’s Margins’, ‘Untouchability in Rural India’ (co-authored), and his newest ‘Ash in the Belly: India’s Unfinished Battle against Hunger.’