



**Department of Political Science,
Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune**

Invites you for a guest lecture on

**Religious Reforms & Social Change: The Case of
Pandharpur Temple-Entry Satyagraha**

Abstract:

Religious reforms are deeply rooted in demands for access to and reinterpretation of the domain of worship. Besides they are also associated with the assertion for right to equality and social justice. Together they are seen as a call for democratization of religion. This talk tries to understand the internal dynamics of this process of democratization of religion in the case of the Pandharpur Temple-Entry Satyagraha organized by P. S. Sane (popularly known as Sane Guruji) in 1947. In what way did this Satyagraha contribute in making tradition more inclusive? How did this Satyagraha address the issue of social reform? In the light of these specific issues this presentation attempts to understand the process of democratising religion and its role in connecting religious reforms with social change.

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