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The Anthropocene? On Some Rifts in Contemporary Thinking on Climate Change

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This talk, part of my ongoing project on climate change and cultural criticism, presents and discusses several instances of ‘double consciousness’ that mark the literature on climate change around issues of policy, population, ethics, and inter-generational responsibility.

Dipesh Chakrabarty holds a B.Sc (Physics Honours) degree from Presidency College, University of Calcutta, a Post-graduate Diploma in Management (considered equivalent to MBA) from the Indian Institute of Management, Calcutta, and a Ph.D. (History) from the Australian National University. He is currently the Lawrence A. Kimpton Distinguished Service Professor in History, South Asian Languages and Civilizations, and the College.

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He is currently engaged in completing two books to be published by the University of Chicago Press. They are provisionally entitled The Calling of History: Sir Jadunath Sarkar and His Empire of Truth and The Climate of History: Four Theses.

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