Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar (April 14, 1891 – December 6, 1956), popularly known as Babasaheb, was a philosopher and a social revolutionary with an uncompromising commitment to protecting the human rights of millions of Indians. He has left an indelible mark on Indian polity, society and economy with his countless scholarly works, pragmatic policies and strategies and lasing statesmanship.

When higher education was impossible even for the most affluent class in India, Ambedkar managed to reach New York, USA in 1913 and secured M.A. in Political Science with economics as major subject and subsequently also a Ph.D. in the discipline of economics. He secured later yet another Masters and a doctorate degrees from the London School of Economics in the discipline of economics.

Although his scholarly contributions in the field of education, politics, religion and human rights are better known, his contribution in the discipline of economics in general and his contribution to Indian economy in particular are relatively less known. The Ambedkar's numerous speeches and writings especially on monetary policy, public finance, public expenditure and land holdings aptly reveal his scholarship in the field of economics. He applied his economic traits to concrete situations and challenges in the process of making of India, particularly after India's independence. Yet, his scholarship as an economist is hardly referred to and spoken about even among the academics.

Against this backdrop, we, the students of Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai (TISS), are pleased to host the 11th Ambedkar Memorial Lecture (AML) in TISS. The lecture is aimed at triggering our attention towards Dr. Ambedkar's economic thoughts and their relevance to India in the present context.

The 2015 AML lecture will be on “DR. AMBEDKAR AS AN ECONOMIST” and it will be held on February 7, 2015 in the TISS Convention Centre during 5.30 to 8 pm. The lecture will be delivered by Dr. Narendra Jadhav, a well known economist in India.