The presentation will draw upon his forthcoming book titled, "Eradicating the Injustice of Poverty in South Asia: Agendas for Inclusive Development," which redefines poverty as a process which excludes a significant segment of the population from opportunities to participate in the development process on more equitable terms. In this book, Prof. Sobhan argues for redesigning policy interventions for poverty eradication, which serve to reposition the poor as principals in the structures of production and distribution. He also presents proposals for a more inclusive development strategy, which enables the poor to directly contribute to growth through investing them with the capacity to own agrarian and corporate assets, as well as enhancing their share in the value addition process.

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