



Dr. Manu V. Devadevan, Assistant Professor, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology Mandi has been awarded the Infosys Prize for Humanities in 2019. As per the citation, the prize has been awarded for his “ highly original and wide-ranging work on pre-modern South India. His book *A Pre-History of Hinduism* offers a powerful and refreshing new approach to the study of the cultural history of India, based on his profound knowledge of sources in multiple languages.”

The prize comprises a pure gold medal, a citation and a prize purse of USD (\$)100,000. Prof. Akeel Bilgrami, Sidney Morgenbesser Professor of Philosophy at Columbia University, USA, served as the jury chair for the Humanities prize. He congratulated Dr. Devadevan and said, “You greatly deserve this prize for having deepened our understanding of the social and cultural history of South India in the pre-modern period and for your remarkable revision of the conventional wisdom of this history”.

Dr. Devadevan teaches history at IIT Mandi, writes poems in Kannada and is a prolific translator. A Marxist historian and political theorist, he specialises in political economy of precolonial South India.

