THE INDO-EUROPEAN FAIRY TALES AND THEIR RACISM

Michel Danino, Indian Archaeological Society, New Delhi:

The Aryans left no genetic, archaeological, anthropological, cultural...

Genetics is joining other disciplines in helping to clean the cobwebs of colonial historiography.

R1a/M17 cannot be a marker of a 'male Aryan invasion' of India.

("Genetics and the Aryan debate")

Jean-Paul Demoule, Université Paris-Sorbonne, CNRS:

L'indo-européanisme tient une place importante dans l'imaginaire racial des extrêmes droites, en particulier en Allemagne. Thème dominant de la Nouvelle Droite contemporaine, cette construction à prétention scientifique n'est que le véhicule de la quête infernale de la pureté de la race. Des origines à aujourd'hui, itinéraire d'un mythe. (« Destin et usages des Indos-Européens »)

Mario Alinei, president of "Atlas Linguarum Europae" at UNESCO:

"Many fundamental works on IE origins written in the nineteenth century and at the beginning of the twentieth are based on racist views. Let me quote, as one among scores of examples, Pictet, one of the founding fathers of IE studies, who in the middle of the nineteenth century, in the foreword of his most famous book, spoke of the Arian race in the following terms:

"...a race destined by Providence to dominate one day the entire globe... privileged among all others for the beauty of blood, and for the gifts of intelligence, ... this fertile race has created, as a powerful medium of development, a language which is admirable for its richness, its vigour, its harmony and for the perfection of its forms". (Ravenna EEA meeting 1997).