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## **AN INSIDER DOING LOCAL HISTORY IN ARUNACHAL PRADESH DEALING WITH ETHICS AMONG THE APATANI**

Postmodern and postcolonial historiography is no more preoccupied with making universal statements or theories. Instead, it is integrating itself with multidisciplinary approaches and decentralizing its locations by writing histories for and from different locations. As a result, multiple interpretations and alternative histories are emerging, often involving the re-writing of histories. This is particularly true for history interrogations and historiographies that are coming from erstwhile subjugated, suppressed, marginalized, subordinated and non-represented groups of people like indigenous and native people.

The objective of this lecture is to provide some propositions in form of a methodological framework for native research scholars in dealing with those unique challenges. Based on the experiences and challenges met during my own doctoral project while working with my own community identified as Apatani (though we call ourselves as Tani) in the easternmost state of India called Arunachal Pradesh, this presentation discusses various challenges the researcher faced and the approach and methods the researcher applied in addressing them. Just being an insider neither qualifies one to own the stories one is going to tell, nor does it make research any easier.