# C. K. Majumdar Memorial Lecture

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by

#### Professor R Ramesh

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Purbashree Auditorium

Bharatiyam Multiplex, EZCC, Salt Lake



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# ABSTRACT

## WHITHER OXIDE ELECTRONICS?

omplex oxides exhibit a rich spectrum of functional responses, including magnetism, ferroelectricity, highly correlated electron behavior, superconductivity, etc. The basic materials physics of such materials provide the ideal playground for interdisciplinary scientific exploration. The advent of high temperature superconductivity in the cuprates, ushered in a new era of scientific and technological exploration of these fascinating materials. Over the past two decades, I have had the fortune of being able to work in this field, learning and exploring with my colleagues, students and postdocs. Our work would not have been possible without the continuous support of various federal agencies, including, DOE, NSF, DARPA, ONR, ARO and AFOSR as well as several industrial sources. Together we are exploring the science of such materials (for example, ferroelectricity, colossal magnetoresistance, multiferroicity, etc) and their applications in thin film form by creating model epitaxial heterostructures and nanostructures. Specifically, we are studying the role of thin film growth, heteroepitaxy and processing on physical and functional properties. A new development has been the discovery of the formation of spontaneously assembled nanostructures that exhibit 3-D heteroepitaxy. In this talk I will describe our scientific and technological successes and lessons learned with examples assembled from many areas of oxide electronics and will finish the presentation with some closing thoughts on where we are heading in the years to come.

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On behalf of the Faculty and Staff of the Centre
I have great pleasure in inviting you to the

7th C. K. Majumdar Memorial Lecture

to be delivered by

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Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> January 2008 at 3.30 p.m. followed by
High Tea (at 5.00 pm).

Arup Kumar Raychaudhuri

Director