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**WHEN:** WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2012  
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**SPEAKER:** Dr. Pushpak Bhattacharyya, IIT Bombay

Host: Dr. Ioannis Kakadiaris

**TITLE:** Challenges and Opportunities for Obtaining a Faculty Position in India

**Abstract:** In this talk, the current landscape of obtaining a faculty position in India (with emphasis in science and engineering) will be described. Emphasis will be given to answering questions from the audience.

**Bio:** Dr. Pushpak Bhattacharyya is a Professor of Computer Science and Engineering at IIT Bombay. He received his B.Tech from IIT Kharagpur, M.Tech from IIT Kanpur and PhD from IIT Bombay. He has held visiting positions at MIT, Cambridge, USA, Stanford University, USA and University Joseph Fourier, Grenoble, France. Dr. Bhattacharyya's research interests include Natural Language Processing, Machine Learning and Cross Lingual Search. He has had more than 130 publications in top conferences and journals and has served as program chair, area chair, workshop chair and PC member of top fora like ACL, COLING, LREC, SIGIR, CIKM, NAACL, GWC and others. He has guided 12 PhDs and over 150 masters and undergraduate students in their thesis work. Dr. Bhattacharyya plays a leading role in India's large scale projects on Machine Translation, Cross Lingual Search, and Wordnet and Dictionary Development. Dr. Bhattacharyya received a number of prestigious awards including IBM Innovation Award, Yahoo Faculty Award, United Nations Research Grant, Microsoft Research Grant, IIT Bombay's Patwardhan Award for Technology Development and Ministry of IT and Digital India Foundation's Manthan Award. Recently he has been appointed Associate Editor of the prestigious journal, ACM Transactions on Asian Language Information Processing.