



## Azim Premji University Colloquium Series

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### "Em and the Big Hoom: A Reading and Discussion"

Speaker

**Jerry Pinto**  
Writer, Mumbai

**Date: April 07, 2016 (Thursday)**

**Time: 2.00 pm to 3.30 pm**

**Venue: 10<sup>th</sup> Floor Auditorium, Pixel A, Azim Premji University**

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#### About the Lecture

After reading select parts of his critically acclaimed novel, *Em and the Big Hoom*, the author will engage in a discussion on the framing of mental health and illness; and the challenges of embracing a condition that normally evokes anxiety and despair.

#### About the Speaker

**Jerry Pinto** is a Mumbai-based Indian writer of poetry, prose and children's fiction, as well as a journalist. His 2006 book about actress Helen Jairag Richardson titled *The Life and Times of an H-Bomb*, went on to win the National Film Award for Best Book on Cinema in 2007.

His collection of poems, *Asylum and Other Poems* appeared in 2003. He has also co-edited *Confronting Love* (2005), a book of contemporary Indian love poetry in English. In 2009, he coauthored *Leela: A Portrait*, a semi-biographical book of anecdotes and photos from Leela Naidu's life. He is now a freelance journalist, writing articles for the *Hindustan Times* and *Live Mint* newspapers, as well as *The Man and MW*. His first novel, "Em and the Big Hoom," was published in 2012.