



## Scatterometer and RISAT-1: ISRO's Contribution to Radar Remote Sensing

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**Wednesday, September 16, 2015**  
**5:30–7:30 PM**

**Sharp Lecture Hall, Arms Laboratory**  
**Caltech Campus**  
**Pasadena, California**



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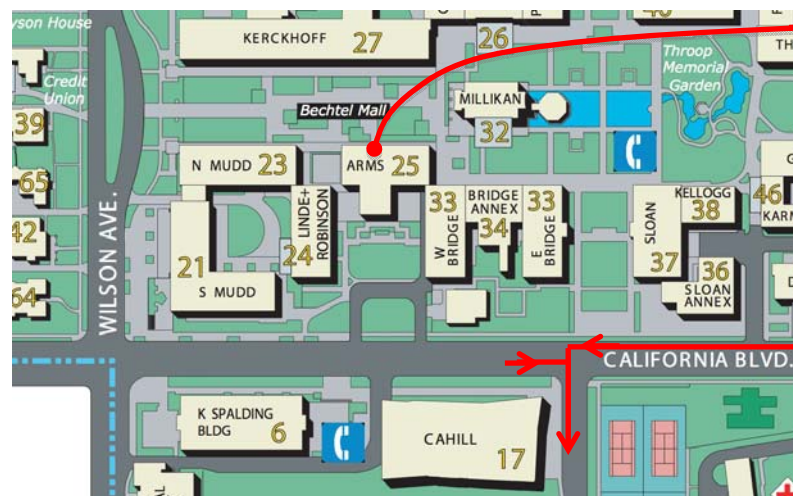
*The IEEE Geoscience and Remote Sensing Society Chapter in Los Angeles presents a special lecture event by Dr. Raj Kumar.*

The Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) has been developing microwave instruments for remote sensing missions since 1978, including radiometers, scatterometers, and synthetic aperture radars. This talk will describe ISRO's overall remote sensing program, and then focus on recent developments in scatterometry and SAR systems, notably OCEANSAT-2 and RISAT-1. Dr. Raj Kumar has been a scientist at the ISRO's Space Applications Centre for more than 30 years. He has contributed significantly towards the effective utilization of space technology for the studies of ocean, atmosphere and climate for societal benefits. The main focus of his research has been using satellite data for ocean state predictions with assimilative numerical models and algorithms development. His contributions are predominantly towards altimeter, scatterometer, and SAR systems.

*Refreshments will be served!*

### AGENDA

- 5:30pm – Refreshments
- 6:00pm – Welcome and announcements – Mark Lamb
- 6:15pm – Lecture by Dr. Raj Kumar
- 7:00pm – Discussion and Continued Refreshments
- 7:30pm – Adjourn



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Lecture Hall,  
Arms (Enter  
from Bechtel  
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(Free After  
5pm)

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