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ASIA_V 333 - Contemporary South Asian Gender and Sexuality Studies

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This course introduces students to the interdisciplinary field of South Asian Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies. A key aspect of colonial governance was the construction of South Asia and its heterogeneous populations as 'traditional' and 'patriarchal', hence gendered and sexualized in particularly oppressive manner. We will explore how this construct has shaped feminist and queer engagements with post/coloniality, nation, state, religion, caste and subject formation in South Asia and its diasporas.

Mode of Delivery: Online

Sample Readings

Loomba, A. and R. A. Lukose (eds.) (2012) South Asian Feminisms. Durham: Duke University Press.

Rege, S. (1998) 'Dalit Women Talk Differently', Economic and Political Weekly. Vol. 33, No. 44.

Shah, Svati P. (2015) 'Queering Critiques of Neoliberalism in India: Urbanism and Inequality in the Era of Transnational "LGBTQ" Rights', Antipode. Vol. 47, No. 3. 635-651.

Assignments

Class Attendance and Participation|20

Mid-Term Paper|40

Final Paper|40