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Racializations and Biologizations of Queers: Sodomy Law and the Police in New Delhi

Lecture followed by discussion with Maitrayee Chaudhuri

Jyoti Puri is a Professor of Sociology at Simmons College, and a faculty affiliate in the Gender/Cultural Studies program. She is an author of *Encountering Nationalism*, a critical examination of theories of nationalism and the state from a feminist perspective, and of *Woman, Body, Desire in Post-colonial India: Narratives of Gender and Sexuality*. She is currently working on the nexus of sexuality and the state, conducting research on efforts to decriminalize homosexuality in India. Dr. Puri has published numerous articles and book chapters in the areas of sexualities, states, nationalisms, and transnationality, and has lectured widely in the United States as well as internationally. She will present on how activist struggles over gender and sexuality are reshaping the Indian state.

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