



## SAF Lecture Series Spring 2018 'Gender and the Body in India'

**18.04.2018 Rukmini Sen** (Ambedkar University Delhi)

*Contemporary Languages of Assertion :  
Mapping the (new) Political Student in Indian Universities*

This presentation will focus on contemporary student mobilizations across university campuses in India. By mapping some of these moments, the attempt will be to argue that a new political citizen is asserted. The ways in which questions of access to and reclaiming of public spaces have been posed through these movements, re-shapes gendered and caste based political arrangements in institutions of higher learning.

**25.04.2018 Shruti Chaudhry** (University of Edinburgh)

*'Flexible' Caste Boundaries:  
Cross-regional Marriage as Mixed Marriage in Rural North India*

Based on ethnographic fieldwork in a village in the north Indian state of Uttar Pradesh, the paper will focus on cross-regional marriage (those that cross caste, linguistic and state boundaries and entail long-distance migration) as mixed marriage. It queries the 'acceptance' of women sought beyond traditional boundaries of caste in a context where caste endogamy is the norm and breaches are otherwise not tolerated.

**02.05.2018 Sneha Banerjee** (ISEK, University of Zurich)

*Reproduction in the Market:  
Understanding Commercial Surrogacy in India*

This presentation uses fieldwork in Delhi and Mumbai to focus on the phenomenon of commercial surrogacy, thriving in India until it was banned in 2016. Arguably, as yet another illustration of 'outsourcing', it presents a site to engage with questions of women's work and reproduction in a globalised market.

**16.05.2018 Anne Castaing** (CNRS, Centre d'Etude de l'Inde et de l'Asie du Sud, Paris)

*Cross-examining Partition Fiction and the Forgotten History of Women*

In the light of fictions written in the aftermath of Partition, in the *Heat of Fratricide* (1947-1950) as Jason Francisco writes, I wish to examine the paradoxes of literature in the construction of a narrative of Partition and in the restitution of an history of women.

All sessions do take place here: ISEK, Andreasstrasse 15, Room AND 3.46 ; 4.15 - 6 pm.