

„Caste in the twenty first century: youth, love and changing equations of power in India“

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Abstract:

What is the state of the caste monster in twentieth century India? Have the forms of discrimination and inequality altered? What is the experience of belonging to a less privileged caste? This lecture will try to address this vast and complicated story by focusing on what caste means for young people in India today. Two issues will be explored: one, the experience of caste for young people in higher educational institutions. What are the continuing areas of inequality and discrimination that young people may face based on their caste identity? At the same time what are the implications of the growing dalit and anti-caste movements on campuses?

Two, Janaki Abraham will explore what we can learn about caste from the sharp and violent reaction to some romantic relationships that cut across caste lines. What are the changing caste equations that are evident from these conflicts around love in contemporary India?

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