

# SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES PROGRAM

# **FALL 2019 EVENTS**





SYMPOSIUM ON SASP FACULTY JULIA STEPHENS' BOOK, GOVERNING ISLAM: LAW,

EMPIRE, AND SECULARISM IN MODERN SOUTH ASIA (CAMRBRIDGE, 2018)

Book discussants include: Debjani Bhattacharyya (Drexel), Preetha Mani (Rutgers), and Barbara Metcalf (Michigan), with Professor Stephans (Rutgers) responding. Reception to follow. Academic Building 6140, 15 Seminary Place, New Brunswick, 4:30 PM

Wednesday, October 2

# SYMPOSIUM ON AFGANISTAN AT THE EDGE OF EMPIRE

Speakers include: Elizabeth Kolsky (Villanova University), James Pickett (University of Pittsburgh), Zarena Aslami (Michigan State University) co-sponsored with the Rutgers British Studies Center Academic Building 6051, 15 Seminary Place, New Brunswick, 5-7 PM

Monday, October 7

#### INTERFERENCE/FRINGE! A TALK BY ARTIST TALLUR LN

Interference/Fringe! is a retrospective exhibition of one of India's most exciting contemporary artists, Tallur LN. On display at the Grounds for Sculpture in Hamilton, NJ now, it consisting of 27 works that pair the sacred with the secular and the handmade with the machine-made to obscure & subvert traditional readings of Indian symbols. Tallur will screen his first film, Interference (2019), and discuss his inspirations. Co-sponsored with Art History.

Lower Dodge Gallery, Zimmerli Art Museum, 71 Hamilton, College Ave. Campus



# Tuesday, October 29

# MOTHER TONGUES: THE DISRUPTIVE POSSIBILITIES OF DALIT FEMINIST **VERNACULARS. A TALK BY LAURA BRUECK (NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY)**

This talk considers the critical possibilities of the term 'mother tongue' as part of Dalit feminist critiques of caste hierarchies and Dalit and non-Dalit patriarchies. It focuses on the works of Anita Bharti and Meena Kandasamy, both Dalit women authors who write in Hindi and English. Cosponsored with African, Middle Eastern, and South Asian Languages & Literatures Pane Room, Alexander Library, 126 College Ave, College Ave



# Thursday, November 5 **SUPPLIANT ZOMBIES AND CANNIBAL GODS:**

## SIMONE WEIL'S READING AND TRANSLATION OF THE ILIAD AND THE BHAGAVAD GITA

A talk, by Dorothy Figueira, Distinguished Research Professor in the Department of Comparative Literature and Intercultural Studies at the University of Georgia Co-sponsored by Classics & AMESALL

Room 6190, 15 Seminary Place, New Brunswick, 5-6:30 PM





### Thursday, November 14 **CURRENT TRENDS IN TAMIL LITERATURE**

a conversation with M. Kannan (French Institute of Pondicherry) Co-sponsored by AMESALL Room 6190, 15 Seminary Place, New Brunswick, 1 PM



