

# South Asia at a Crossroads with BLM: Caste, Color, and Intersections of Identity

A Student-hosted Panel Discussion with Students, Faculty, Staff, and Campus Guests

As uprisings calling for an end to police violence, anti-Black racism, and white supremacy demand all of our attention, the experiences of South Asians can offer another opening to critically think about the mechanisms of racial oppression. South Asians have been shaped by and resisted policing and surveillance systems, Islamophobia, caste-based violence, and racial capitalism at the same time they have found complicity within these structures.

In addition to examining these tensions, the panelists will stress the urgency of uplifting the Movement for Black Lives and highlight the ways South Asian solidarity efforts intersect with the collective struggles of oppressed people around the world.

## Panelists:



**Hareem Khan**, Assistant Professor of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnic Studies at CSUSB.



**Abhilasha Srivastava**, Assistant Professor of Economics at CSUSB and a member of Dollar & Sense Collective, Boston.



**Rajrani Kalra**, Professor in the Department of Geography and Environmental Studies and an affiliated faculty in Masters of Social Sciences and Globalization at CSUSB.



**Bilal Nasir**, Postdoctoral Fellow in the Intercollegiate Department of Asian American Studies at Pomona College.



**Dhruv Khurana**, Adjunct Professor in the Department of Economics at CSUSB.



**Benson Neethipudi**, Master of Public Administration '21 candidate (Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs).



Moderated by **Isabel Huacuja Alonso**, Assistant Professor in the Department of History at CSUSB.

Series organizers: Dr. Mary Texeira (Sociology), Robie Madrigal (Pfau Library), Dr. Jeremy Murray (History), Stan Futch (President, [WAG](#)), Marlo Brooks, and Yvette Relles-Powell.

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4 P.M.**

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