

# 17<sup>th</sup> Annual South Asia Legal Studies Workshop



## 7200 Law (Lubar Commons) University of Wisconsin Law School In-person and on Zoom Agenda (10/2/23)

**Format:**

*The workshop consists of two parts. Part I will feature a virtual roundtable on the special issue of the International Journal of Law in Context on South Asia Law. Each participant will give a 5-10 minute summary of their paper. Part II will feature the draft papers that were selected for presentation.*

**Note to participants about Part II of the workshop:** *There will be no formal presentations at the workshop. Each session will feature a discussion of a short pre-circulated proposal or paper (10-12pp.), which attendees are expected to read in advance.*

**See the detailed expectations and format on page 4.**

*Times given are Central Standard Time, USA.*

**Wednesday, October 18, 2023**

8:00-8:25am	Breakfast and registration
8:25am	<b>Welcome and Instructions</b> Sumudu Atapattu <i>University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA</i>
8:30-10:30am	<b>Part I: Public webinar</b>

**Roundtable on Special Issue of *International Journal of Law in Context*  
on law in South Asia**

Moderators: Mitra Sharafi/Heinz Klug, Special issue editors  
*University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA*

***Papers and contributors***

“Perceiving Law without Colonialism: Revisiting Courts and  
Constitutionalism in South Asia”

Cynthia Farid  
*University of Hong Kong*

“A Theory of Legal Apparitions: Regulation and Escape in Indian divorces”

Yugank Goyal  
*Flame University, India*

“The Lawyers’ Movement in Pakistan: How Legal Actors Mobilize in a  
Hybrid Regime”

Maryam Khan  
*University of Wisconsin-Madison*

“Limitations on Fundamental Freedoms in Sri Lanka: Majoritarian Influence  
of Constitutional Practice”

Gehan Goonetilleke  
*University of Oxford, U.K.*

12:00-1:00pm          Lunch served in 3226 Law

**Part II: Individual Papers  
Lubar commons (7200 Law)**

*Moderator: Sumudu Atapattu, University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA*

1:15-2:00pm          Paper 1: “Beyond Caste Carcerality: Re-Imagining Justice in Sexual Violence  
Cases”

Stuti Shah  
*Columbia Law School, USA*

*Discussant: Anisha Thomas Anthinattu\*\*  
University of California, Santa Barbara, USA*

2:00-2:45pm          Paper 2: “‘Mercy for Murder’: The Infanticide Case of Musammat Kelee”

Rashmi Banerjee  
*University of Virginia, USA*

*Discussant: Mitra Sharafi*  
*University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA*

2:45-3:00pm            Break

*Moderator: Mitra Sharafi, University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA*

3:00-3:45pm            Paper 3: “Social Welfare without Social Rights?”  
Gaurav Mukherjee  
*New York University, School of Law, USA*

*Discussant: Kenneth Bo Nielsen*  
*University of Oslo, Norway*

3:45-4:30pm            Paper 4: “Krishnamurti’s Case: Child Guardianship and Sexuality in Colonial  
India”  
Fidelithy Tan  
*Cornell University, USA*

*Discussant: Faisal Chaudhry\*\**  
*University of Massachusetts, USA*

4:30-5:15ppm           Paper 5: “Village Councils and Access to Justice”  
Saloni Bhogale  
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*Discussant: Gaurav Mukherjee*  
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5:15-5:20pm            Wrap-up

\*\* Joining via Zoom

**End of workshop**

## 2023 SALS Workshop Expectations and Format

### Expectations for Part II

It is expected that all presenters, commentators and participants will read all the papers and come prepared to make comments. Please make your questions and comments short and succinct. We strive to create a safe and conducive environment for scholarly engagement and discussion so please make sure your comments are given in that spirit.

### For each paper we will follow this format:

**First, the author:** Please highlight a few points from your paper, its context or what you would like comments on (5 minutes)

**Second, the commentator:** Make comments on the paper assigned to you (10 minutes)

**Third,** we will then open the floor for discussion on the paper. To engage as many people as possible in the time we have, questions and comments are limited to two questions/ comments per person initially (30 minutes).

**The moderator** will keep the time and a queue of the people in order they raise their hand.

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