

The South Asia Faculty Working Group at UNC presents



The Komagata Maru, Anticoloniality, and the Itinerant Politics of Indigeneity

A public lecture by Renisa Mawani

Thursday, 2/19 • 4-530pm • Donovan Lounge, 2nd Floor, Greenlaw Hall, UNC

Professor Mawani will discuss the story of the ship *Komagata Maru*, which in 1914 was deported from Canada under racial exclusion policies. Mawani traces the ship's voyage connecting India, the Dominions, and other British colonies and outposts (including Hong Kong, Malaya, and Singapore). Drawing from her book *Across Oceans of Law*, Professor Mawani argues that the voyage contributed to a new global politics of anticolonialism and indigeneity as it galvanized support from India to South Africa.

TO BE FOLLOWED BY A SEMINAR FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS AND FACULTY:

The Atmospheric of Race

Friday, 2/20 • 4-6pm • Donovan Lounge, 2nd floor, Greenlaw Hall, UNC

This seminar will explore the relationship of postcolonial and critical race theories to recent scholarship on affect, species, and new materialisms. Please download the readings for the seminar at <https://planetarities.web.unc.edu/events-2/>

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