

# CASI Seminar Series

## Spring 2024

### *B. R. Ambedkar in/and America: A Reflection on Caste and Comparison*

In partnership with the South Asia Center, Dept. of History,  
and Dept. of South Asia Studies

**Thursday, APRIL 11**  
**12 pm (In-person)**

Anupama Rao is a Professor of History at Barnard College and Columbia University. She is the Director of the Institute for Comparative Literature and Society and the convener of the Ambedkar Initiative at Columbia. For a decade, she served as the Senior Editor of *Comparative Studies in South Asia, Africa, and the Middle East*. Her research interests include gender and sexuality studies, caste and race, historical anthropology, social theory, comparative urbanism, and colonial genealogies of human rights and humanitarianism. Her publications include *The Caste Question* (University of California Press, 2009), *The Many Worlds of R. B. More: Memoir of a Dalit Communist*, with Wandana Sonalkar (Leftword, 2019), and the edited volume *Gender, Caste, and the Imagination of Equality* (Women Unlimited, 2017). She is currently completing a volume called *Ambedkar in America: Reading Castes in India* and working on a set of essays on the political thought of B. R. Ambedkar.



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Light refreshments will be served