

CASI Seminar Series

Spring 2025

February 13 (12pm)

**Rahul Sagar (NYU Abu Dhabi;
Princeton University)**

The Birth of Indian Liberalism

In partnership with the South Asia Center,
Political Science Dept & Andrea Mitchell
Center for the Study of Democracy

February 20 (12pm)

**Megnaa Mehtta
(University College London)**

*Retreat or Remain? Notions of
a Full Life and a Slow Death
from Sundarbans' Eroding
Coastlines*

In partnership with the South Asia Center,
South Asia Studies Dept, EnviroLab &
Environmental Innovations Initiative

February 25 (12pm)

**Nikhar Gaikwad
(Columbia University)**

*Getting on the Grid: A Field
Experiment on Bottom-Up Political
Pressure and Access to Essential
Public Services*

In partnership with the South Asia Center,
PDRI-DevLab & Political Science Dept

February 27 (12pm)

Lalitha Kamath (TISS, Mumbai)

*Dushkal Temporalities: Reframing
Time in Planning for the Climate
Crisis*

In partnership with the South Asia Center
& Dept of Anthropology

March 5 (4:30pm)

Kiran Kumbhar (CASI)

*AllIMS New Delhi and the Beginnings
of Indigenous Biomedical Modernity
in India*

In partnership with the South Asia Center,
South Asia Studies Dept, Dept of History and
Sociology of Science
& Center for Global Health

March 20 (12pm)

**Benjamin Siegel
(Boston University)**

*Automatic for the People?
Labor, Machines, and Ecology
in Modern India*

In partnership with the South Asia Center,
South Asia Studies Dept, Dept of History &
Dept of History and Sociology of Science

April 3 (12pm)

Gaurav Khanna (UC San Diego)

*The IT Boom and Other Unintended
Consequences of Chasing
the American Dream*
(with Nicolas Morales)

In partnership with the South Asia Center
& PDRI-DevLab

April 10 (12pm)

**Jahnvi Phalkey (Science Gallery
Bengaluru; CASI Spring 2025
Visiting Scholar)**

*Science and State-Formation in
Twentieth Century India*

In partnership with the South Asia Center,
South Asia Studies Dept & Dept of History
and Sociology of Science

April 17 (12pm)

**Sonalde Desai
(University of Maryland)**

*Rethinking Social Safety
Nets in a Changing Society:
Evidence from IHDS*

In partnership with the South Asia Center
& Dept of Sociology

April 22 (12pm)

**Sumitra Badrinathan
(American University)**

*Countering Misinformation Early:
Evidence from a Classroom-Based
Field Experiment in India*

In partnership with the South Asia Center
& Political Science Dept

April 24 (12pm)

**Lubaina Rangwala (World
Resources Institute India; CASI
Spring 2025 Visiting Scholar)**

*Opportunities & Challenges of
Climate Action Planning in Indian
Cities: A Case of Mumbai City*

In partnership with the South Asia
Center, EnviroLab & Penn Institute for
Urban Research

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Light refreshments will be served*