

# CASI Seminar Series Fall 2024

## *Politics of Muslim Representation: Ideas and Trajectories*

**November 21 (12 pm)**

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Hilal Ahmed is an Associate Professor at the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS), New Delhi and a CASI Fall 2024 Visiting Scholar. He works on political Islam, Indian democracy, and politics of symbols in South Asia. He is also a faculty member of the Lokniti program at CSDS. His first book, *Muslim Political Discourse in Postcolonial India: Monuments, Memory, Contestation* (Routledge 2014), explores these thematic concerns to evolve an interdisciplinary approach to study Muslim politics. His recent books, *A Brief History of the Present: Muslims in New India* (Penguin-Random House 2024), *Allah Naam ki Siyasat* (Hindi, Setu Prakashan, 2023), *Siyasi Muslims: A Story of Political Islam in India* (Penguin-Random House, New Delhi, 2019), and *Democratic Accommodations: Minorities in Contemporary India* (with Peter R. deSouza & Sanjeer Alam, Bloomsbury, 2019) further elaborate these themes and make a modest attempt to explain the discursively constituted nature of contemporary Muslim political discourse in India. Ahmed is the Associate Editor of *South Asian Studies*, the journal of the British Association of South Asian Studies. He is also part of the editorial team of CSDS's Hindi journal *Pratiman*. He has produced two documentaries, *Encountering the Political Jama Masjid* (English, 2006) and *Qutub: Ek Adhura Afsana* (*Qutub: An Unfinished Story*, Hindi with English subtitles, 2016). The film *Beacons of Hope* (English, 2008) documents Ahmed's life story.

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Light refreshments will be served*