



GLOBAL IMAGINARIES OF CASTE AND RACE: A DISCUSSION



Date :
28th, August 2025



Time :
2 pm

Prof Saroj Kumar Mahananda and Prof Ajay Navaria would engage the guest in a discussion.



AJAY NAVARIA

Professor Ajay Navaria is a prominent Hindi author, critic, and academic. A leading figure in Dalit literature, his acclaimed works—including the novel *Udhar Ke Log* and short story collections like *Yes, Sir*—have been translated into multiple languages and are part of curricula at universities like Harvard and Delhi University. An international speaker who has lectured from the UK and USA to Japan and Australia, he is a recipient of the Sahitya Kriti Samman from the Delhi Hindi Academy and has been featured in international media like BBC and The Hindu.



Laura Brueck

Laura Brueck is a Professor of South Asian and Comparative Literature at Northwestern University, where she also directs the Alice Kaplan Institute for the Humanities. Her areas of interest include anti-caste literature, the intersections of caste and race, popular vernacular genres of South Asian literature, and the theory and practice of translation. She is the author of *Writing Resistance: The Rhetorical Imagination of Hindi Dalit Literature* (Columbia University Press, 2014), the translator of *Unclaimed Terrain: Stories* by Ajay Navaria (Navayana 2013), and an editor of numerous volumes, most recently the *Routledge Companion to Postcolonial and Decolonial Literature* (2025).

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