

## The Mumbai Münster Institute of Advanced Studies (MMIAS)

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Invite you to the

### Indian Book Launch of Farzana Doctor's *You Still Look the Same*

and

### An Interview with Farzana Doctor by Dr. Sachin Labade

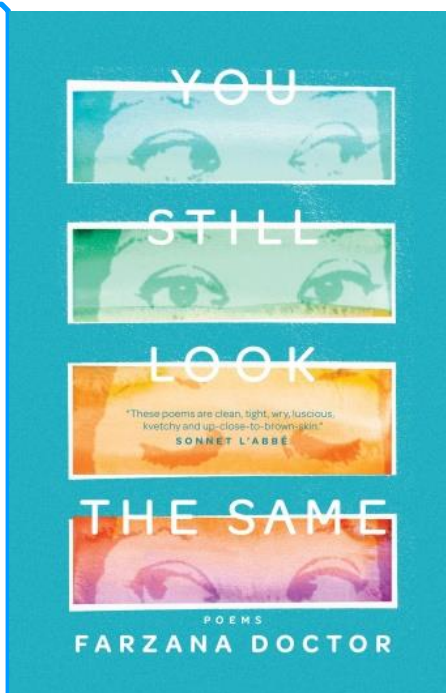
**Chairperson: Professor Dr. Sridhar Rajeswaran**

Founder Director, Centre for Advanced Studies in India (CASII)

**Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2022**

**Time: 7:30- 8:45 PM IST | 10:00 – 11:15 AM EST | 03:00 – 04:15 PM UK**

This debut poetry collection from acclaimed novelist Farzana Doctor is both an intimate deep dive and a humorous glance at the tumultuous decade of her forties. Through crisp and vivid language, Doctor explores mid-life breakups and dating, female genital cutting, imprints of racism and misogyny, and the oddness of sex and love, and urges us to take a second look at the ways in which human relationships are never what we expect them to be.



**Farzana Doctor** is a Toronto-based author, activist and a Registered Social Worker Psychotherapist. She has published four critically acclaimed novels, including *Seven*, which *Ms. Magazine* described as

“fully feminist and ambitiously bold”, and was shortlisted for the Trillium and Evergreen Awards. Her new poetry collection, *You Still Look The Same*, which *Quill & Quire* has called “a powerful and necessary collection that breaks silences” was just released in May 2022. Besides, she is a founding member of *WeSpeakOut* and the End FGM Canada Network, she is also the *Maasi* behind *Dear Maasi*, a new sex and relationships column for FGM/C survivors.

[www.Linktr.ee/farzanadoctor](http://www.Linktr.ee/farzanadoctor)

**Sridhar Rajeswaran** is Founder Director of the Centre for Advanced Studies in India (CASII). He is Visiting Faculty and has been the DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) Visiting Professor at the University of Münster, Germany.

He has also taught at the Universities of Dusseldorf, Cologne and Bonn. He was Professor and Head of the English Department and Dean of the Faculty of Arts at the KSKV Kachchh University in Gujarat. He was a South Asian Diaspora Fund Fellow of the Indo-Canadian Centre at the University of the Fraser Valley, B.C., Canada. He has been a Senior Fellow at the Indian Institute of Advanced Studies, Simla, India. He has published critical articles in India and abroad. He is also a creative writer and has been a Poet-in-Residence at the University of Dusseldorf and has been invited to read his poems at the London Book Fair, *Kitaab* and other book fairs.



**Sachin Labade** is Associate Professor at the Department of English, University of Mumbai. He coordinates the Indo-Canadian Studies Centre and the Shastri Indo-Canadian

Institute's Centre at the University of Mumbai. He is the recipient of Shastri GJCLS grants as well as short term Fellowships offered by the Technical University of Dresden and Bielefeld University, Germany. Dr Labade's research interests include Queer Studies, English Language Pedagogy, and Contact Languages.

Hosted by Professor Dr. Nilufer E. Bharucha, Director, MMIAS

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