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Invites you to an online lecture on

Re-imagining early 20th century South Asian Migration to the United States

In the MMIAS International Interdisciplinary Lecture Series

by

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In recent years, scholars have recognized the significance of South Asian migration to the United States in the early years of the 20th century. Works by Maia Ramnath, Vivek Bald, Amy Bhatt, Nalini Iyer, Manan Desai, Anupama Arora & Rajender Kaur among others have expanded the pioneering scholarship in this area by Joan Jensen and Karen Isaksen Leonard. Furthermore, the digital archive SAADA has provided greater access to primary material in multiple languages and developed a resource book *Our Stories* for educators. This talk will turn the focus to recent literary works such as Chitra Divakaruni's *Leaving Yuba City*, Rishi Reddi's *Passage West*, and Uma Krishnaswami's children's book *Step Up to the Plate Maria Singh* to explore how these authors are not just raising awareness about this early history but also engaging in a complex discussion about South Asian race and racialization.



Nalini Iyer is the Professor of English at Seattle University, USA. She teaches courses in post-colonial South Asian and African writing, diaspora studies, and transnational feminisms. Recognized internationally as an expert in South Asian and South Asian diasporic literatures and cultures, her research focuses on three interrelated areas: the hegemony of Anglophone writing in South Asia, South Asian diaspora studies, and Partition Studies. Her books include *Other Tongues: Rethinking the Language Debates in India* (2009); *Roots and Reflections: South Asians in the Pacific Northwest* (2013); and *Revisiting India's Partition: New Essays in Memory, Culture, and Politics* (2016). She has also published articles in *ARIEL*, *South Asian Review*, and *Tulsa Studies in Women's Literature*. She is also the author of numerous articles and book chapters, and is the Chief Editor of *South Asian Review*.



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 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.

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