

Open Forum

A Culture of Sexual Violence Against Women: New Delhi and Steubenville

Tuesday, March 12, 2013
3:30-5:00pm
225 Allyn Hall

This forum is open to the entire University community and the general public. A general discussion will follow the panel presentations. Drinks and refreshments will be provided.

Speakers include the following faculty members: Arvind Elangovan, Department of History; Andrea Harris, Department of English and Women's Studies and Board Member of the Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence; Pramod Kantha, Department of Political Science; Sirisha Naidu, Department of Economics; and Alpana Sharma, Department of English and Women's Studies

In the recent past, two cities in different parts of the world, New Delhi, India and Steubenville, Ohio, have been the focus of public attention owing to the instances of extreme sexual violence that occurred in both of these cities in the last year. Though a culture of sexual violence is pervasive in many societies, these two particular cases—Delhi and Steubenville—have raised larger questions about the cultural context in which rape occurs: the nature of gender relations, the socio-economic and institutional conditions that perpetuate a culture of violence, the manner of public response (both political and intellectual), and the impact of such responses on formal structures of state and society. Cutting across these two arguably robust democracies and in light of these two tragic cases, the forum seeks to engage with some of these questions in order to shed light on sexual violence and its consequences for a democratic society.



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