

## 南アジア研究センター・セミナー

日時/ Date : 2025 年 5 月 28 日 (水曜日) 19:00-20:30/ 28 May 2025 (Wednesday) 19:00-20:30

場所/ Venue : 東京大学駒場 I キャンパス 14 号館 6 階 605 号室 (ハイフレックス) / Room 605, 6th Floor, Bldg No.14, Komaba Campus, The University of Tokyo/ Zoom\*

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登録サイト/ Registration site: <https://forms.gle/RrXkPixVeW4jXYM89>

報告者/ Speaker : Dr. Charu Gupta (University of Delhi), 'Politics of the Kitchen: Hindu Middle-Class Women and Culinary Print in Colonial India'

Abstract: This talk deliberates on the entanglements between politics and history of food, health, and gender in Hindu middle-class households of early twentieth century North India, through the genre of printed cookbooks in Hindi. While cookbooks became important nodes to construct an ideal Hindu housewife and kitchen, they were also a place where educated, middle-class women's voices came to be heard, recorded, and published. The talk shows how and why cookbooks are an important source to write gendered social histories of Hindu middle-classes in modern India. Simultaneously, reflecting on the larger politics of food, the talk focuses on the social identities embedded in these culinary texts, and the multiple meanings they embodied, as they strengthened gender, caste and religious boundaries, constructed a past golden culinary age, upheld ayurvedic knowledge, bemoaned the present state of culinary sciences, used food to overcome the malaise of middle-classes, fashioned an ideal Hindu upper-caste palate as synonymous with a vegetarian diet, and imagined a healthy family and a strong Hindu nation through culinary idioms.

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