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STATES OF PERMANENT TEMPORARINESS, QUESTIONING NOTIONS OF AGENCY AND BELONGING IN ASIAN MIGRANT MOBILITIES: THE CASE OF THE NOWHERE PEOPLE FROM SOUTH ASIA

Dhooleka Sarhadi Raj (PhD, Cambridge) is an anthropologist of South Asia and its diaspora, specializing in migration, migrant mobilities, belonging, multiculturalism and the Emigrant State (Geoforum 2015). She has held fellowships at South Asian Studies, The University of Cambridge and at The Radcliffe Institute, Harvard University. Dr. Raj researches Partition refugee families and is the author of *Where are you From? Middle Class Migrants in the Modern World* (University of California Press, 2003). She is currently working on a poetry collection based on her fieldwork and ongoing partition research.

Despite the growing scholarship and attention to the largest population transfer in modern world history, with an estimated 10-14 million people crossing the border in 1947, little attention has been paid to the links between the dislocation and its connection to the so-called, Indian brain drain. In this talk, based on substantial regular ethnographic fieldwork over the last nineteen years in London and Delhi, and informal interviews in Singapore, Dubai and Bangkok, Dr. Raj examines the links between memory, dislocation and mobility.