

# Friday Scholars' Meet Forum on Contemporary Theory



This Friday, **August 4, 2017**, Forum on Contemporary Theory cordially invites you to Friday Scholars' Meet at 4 pm.

Smriti Upadhyay, a PhD Candidate in the Department of Sociology at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore will initiate a discussion on:

*“In between Class Contradictions and Class Compromises: the role of the labor union in (re) producing hegemony”*

Smriti's presentation considers the role of labor unions in the (re)production of hegemony in contemporary India. It will investigate how unions play a role in eliciting the consent and cooperation of working classes in the state's project of capitalist development and how this differs across different political economic contexts in India. She investigates the social and political dynamics at work where a stable class compromise is attained as well as the contradictions and potential points of rupture that exist in these very contexts of stability. The presentation draws on research conducted in Gujarat and Kerala.

*Smriti has investigated issues related to labor and development in Gujarat and Kerala. In addition to this research, she has also worked or written on the Indian auto industry, India's contemporary agrarian economy, as well as global-historical trends in social protest.*

*We look forward to your participation.*

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