

Wednesday, November 23, 2016, 2.15 pm

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AGENCY AND VOICE

THE HISTORY AND IMPACT OF POSTCOLONIAL STUDIES
AND A LOOK INTO ITS FUTURE



It's not only the impact of the long shadows of historical colonialism which led to the development of postcolonial studies since the 1960s. Postcolonial studies considers not only the situation of former colonized societies but also the ongoing structures of exploitation and discrimination and disrespect which are still visible and significant in the former colonizers' worlds as well. In combining critical analysis of histories and cultures with the claim for justice and recognition, especially in view of the "non-speaking" populations in Western media and politics, postcolonialism has thus generated a wide and complex access to social analysis.

In her talk, Prof. Varadharajan will explore the impact of this rich and rewarding field on contemporary critical and artistic work.

GUEST LECTURE

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