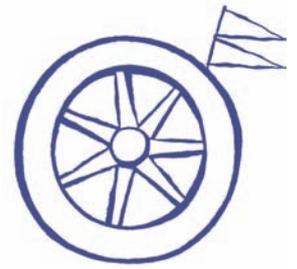




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SASNET Seminar

- in collaboration with the
Dept. of Political Science, Lund University

Prof. Radhika Desai

Dept of Political Studies, University of Manitoba
Winnipeg, Canada

holds a lecture about:



The Dynamics of Caste, Class and Hindu Nationalism in India

Prof. Radhika Desai will discuss the fact that the politics of Hindutva and those of caste are generally assumed to be opposed in India. In her paper, she contests this view on the basis of an original account of caste and its modern dynamics and their interaction with class, especially in the context of liberalizing economic policy since the late 1960s. On the basis of these, the paper goes on to provide a novel interpretation of the political evolution of India in recent decades. In this account, the rise of Hindutva is the result of the rise of the middle castes and their political assertion. The different form it takes in different states, and the variety of different relationships between this middle caste political assertion and Hindutva, are also outlined.

Friday 19 September 2008, 13.15–15.00

**Venue: Main conference room, Dept. of Political Science,
Paradisgatan 5, Lund**

All are welcome!

Sidsel Hansson, Swedish South Asian Studies Network (SASNET)

Catarina Kinnvall, Department of Political Science

Prof. Radhika Desai is the author of "Slouching Towards Ayodhya: From Congress to Hindutva in Indian Politics" (2004) and "Intellectuals and Socialism: Social Democrats, and the Labour Party" (1994), a New Statesman and Society Book of the Month.

She is also the editor of Developmental and Cultural Nationalisms a special issue of Third World Quarterly (2008). She is also the author of numerous articles in Economic and Political Weekly, New Left Review, Third World Quarterly and other journals and in edited collections on parties, political economy, culture and nationalism.

Radhika Desai is currently working on two books "When Was Globalization? Origin and End of a US Strategy", and "The Making of the Indian Capitalist Class".

