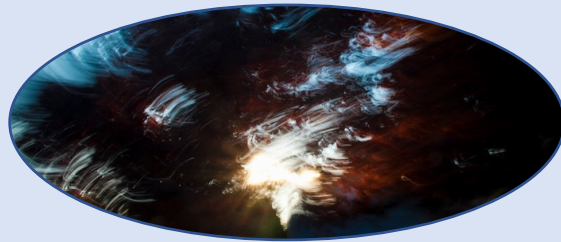




South Asia Forum

Spring Semester 2023: Special Event

Everyone is cordially
invited to participate!



ISEK University of Zurich
Andreasstrasse 15

2nd June 2023, 9 am -12 pm, ISEK, Andreasstrasse 15. Room 5.03.

We cordially invite everyone to join us for a book workshop with Dr. Joel Lee and Dr. Rajat Roy.

Book Discussion: Deceptive Majority: Dalits, Hinduism and Underground Religion
Cambridge University Press (2021)

Program*

9.00 am: Introductions

9.30 am: Book Presentation by Dr. Joel Lee

10.00 am: Reflections by Dr. Rajat Roy

10.30 *Break*

11.00-12.30 am: General Discussion

Joel Lee teaches and conducts research on religion, language, caste and the state in South Asia. In particular his work concerns the ways in which Dalits – communities historically stigmatized as ‘untouchable’ – combat structural deprivation, navigate the politics of religious majoritarianism, and contend with the sensory and environmental entailments of sanitation labour in colonial and postcolonial India. His research and teaching interests also include linguistic anthropology, semiotics, popular Hinduism and Islam, and Urdu and Hindi literature.

Rajat Roy is an ethnologist who teaches and conducts research on Dalit literature in South Asia. He follows an interdisciplinary methodology of social anthropology and political theory. He writes on themes of continental philosophy, minor religious sects, and political theology. Presently he is working as the State-Level Project Lead for the Project: IB21-013 Christ University - KAS Study on Youth Perception of the Rule of Law in India (2022).