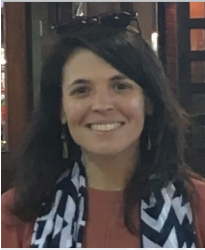


# Between Dreams and Ghosts: Indian Migration and Middle Eastern Oil

Friday, February 11, 2022 | 12:00PM - 2:00PM Pacific Time

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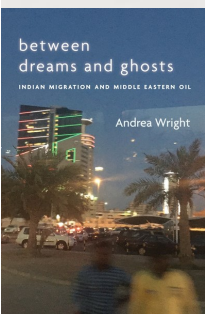
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Andrea Wright is assistant professor of Anthropology and Asian & Middle Eastern Studies at William & Mary. Her work examines the histories of capitalism and its contemporary expressions in South Asia and the Arabian Peninsula. In her first book, *Between Dreams and Ghosts: Indian Migration and Middle Eastern Oil* (Stanford University Press, November 2021), Wright uses ethnographic and archival materials to document how labor migration is a social process that shapes global capitalism.



**Discussant: Steven McKay**

Steve McKay is Associate Professor of Sociology and Director of the Center for Labor Studies at the University of California, Santa Cruz. His research interests include work, gender, migration, race, and globalization. He is the author of *Satanic Mills or Silicon Islands? The Politics of High Tech Production in the Philippines* (2006), and co-editor of *Prearity and Belonging: Labor, Migration, and Noncitizenship* (2021), and *New Routes for Diaspora Studies* (2012). His long-term research on Filipino merchant seafarers, examining racialization and masculinity in global labor markets, has been published in *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, and the *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, among other venues.



Andrea Wright will discuss her recent book, *Between Dreams and Ghosts*, which examines labor migration from India to oil and gas projects in the Middle East. Every year, more than one million Indians travel annually to work in the Gulf, one of the few international destinations where men without formal education can find lucrative employment. *Between Dreams and Ghosts* follows their migration, taking readers to sites in India, the United Arab Emirates, and Kuwait, from villages to oilfields and back again. Engaging all parties involved—the migrants themselves, the recruiting agencies that place them, the government bureaucrats that regulate their emigration, and the corporations that hire them—Andrea Wright examines labor migration as a social process as it reshapes global capitalism.

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