



**SOUTH ASIAN SECTION FOR PUBLIC
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WELCOME MESSAGE BY THE CHAIR

Welcome to the start of yet another academic year. A particularly warm welcome to those who have just joined SASPA.

Speaking of beginnings, I was at a meeting organized by the City of Thousand Oaks, CA and one of the attendees asked me “Why get an MPA/MPP, why not an MBA?” This question is one that has no simple answers. However, one way to rationalize it is this : an MBA is a fantastic opportunity to learn how to run businesses and no doubt, some of those skills can be useful in running government agencies and nonprofits.

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However, those skills may well not be sufficient for the kinds of problems that a government official or public servant may face. The kinds of skills I am specifically referring to are : conflict resolution, building transparent, and efficient mechanisms for information sharing, dialogue creation between agencies and citizens/other stakeholders and more importantly, consensus building. Of course, technical skills such as budgeting, planning and decision making are important. But as any leader in a public facing agency knows, the kind of discursive, deliberatively “soft-skills” needed in managing public agencies are unique to the space.

I am reminded of the Athenian City Oath that is inscribed in the hallways of the Maxwell School of Syracuse University, my alma mater and the first school of public administration in the US. Given that our model of democracy is inspired by ancient Greek models, this may well be a good reminder for all of us.

A part of the Oath reads : “We will never bring disgrace on this City by an act of dishonesty or cowardice. We will fight for the ideals and sacred things of the city both along and with many...we will strive unceasingly to quicken the public’s sense of civic duty. Thus, in all these ways, we will transmit this City not only, not less, but greater and more beautiful than it was transmitted to us.” At a time when our country is deeply divided politically, this focus on the “commons” problem is a good approach to take, despite disagreements on how to achieve the common good. Perhaps the training we give in our program helps our students come to a consensus on what the common good is.

To me, this is the spirit and focus that any professional MPA/ MPP program should aspire to instill in its graduates. A sense of public duty towards those we work with/serve. If a program and university does this well, one can see its effects immediately - in a well run city, transparency in sharing data, inclusion of citizens/ residents in decision making etc. and inclusive policies that consider the lives/ views of the most vulnerable people.

As countries of South Asia face unprecedented challenges to democracy and also overcome natural disasters - with the ongoing Flooding in Pakistan, other natural disasters in Bangladesh and parts of India, we are reminded of how fragile our ecosystems are and how we must all come together to protect them.

The decisions we make today will stay with us and also impact generations to come.

Yours truly,
Sabith Khan, PhD
Chair, SASPA



MOMENTS AT ASPA 2022



SASPA BUSINESS MEETING

SASPA members finally got the opportunity to gather at ASPA 2022! We were so thrilled to see everyone at the business meeting and looking forward to another exciting year with more events and opportunities!

OVETA CULP HOBBY TRAINING AWARD

Dr. Suparna Soni representing @SASPA_ASPA to receive the Oveta Culp Hobby Training Award #aspa2022. The award recognizes educational programming/ knowledge sharing that we have done over the past year in collaboration with many individuals & networks. We are thankful to you all!



WELCOME SESSION

Welcome new members to SASPA family!

FEATURED SCHOLARS



DR. PAYAL DEY

Many congratulations to D.r. Payal Dey for receiving the Clean EDGE Asia Fellowship for 2022-23 by the National Bureau of Asian Research (NBR) – U.S. Department of State. This is a prestigious and impactful platform for both policy debate and academic research on clean energy and public policy in the Indo-Pacific region.

DR. RAGHAV PURI

Join us in congratulating Dr. Raghav Puri on receiving the Garcia-Zarmor Best Paper Award from SICA for his coauthored paper titled "Does creating smaller states improve the delivery of social programs? Evidence from India". Raghav Puri is a Postdoctoral Associate at the Department of Global Development at Cornell University. He received his Ph.D. in Public Administration from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University.



DR. POOJA PASWAN

Join us in congratulating Dr. Pooja Paswan on her selection as a book review editor of International Journal of Public Administration. Dr. Pooja Paswan is also an author for ASPA PA TIMES Online in 2022 and she has been recently selected for the UGC Associateship at the prestigious Indian Institute of Advanced Studies, Shimla.

SASPA STUDENT MEMBERS



Meril Antony

Meril Antony started a new role as a post-doctoral scholar with the Joseph C. Cornwall Center for Metropolitan Studies, Rutgers University-Newark in September 2022. She successfully defended her dissertation titled Essays on Co-production, Social Equity, and Administration of Schools this summer. She is currently also serving as the Vantage Point section editor for the Public Integrity Journal. The section seeks to encourage discussion of emerging issues in the field of public sector ethics outside the context of traditional research manuscript.

Sumaiya Tasmin

Welcome SASPA new student member, Sumaiya Tasnim. Sumaiya Tasnim is a fresh graduate from the Department of Development Studies, University of Dhaka. She completed her Bachelor with a distinction mark and planning to complete her Master's in Public Policy. She is passionate about policy and youth's involvement in policy-making that she worked as a Chief Operating Officer in a youth base policy platform, Youth Policy Forum (YPF) for 3 years. Sumaiya wants to focus on research base work and has participated in different field works. She has worked with many organizations such as Youth Policy Forum (YPF), BIGD, Project Konna, Leaping Boundaries to name a few. In addition, her areas of interest are gender, migration and Covid management.



SASPA WEBINAR: WHAT DOES SOCIAL EQUITY AND REPRESENTATIVE BUREAUCRACY MEAN FOR A GLOBALIZED WORLD?

September 19, 2022



South Asian Section on Public Administration (SASPA) organized webinar titled “What Does Social Equity and Representative Bureaucracy Mean for a Globalized World?” on Tuesday, September 20, 2022. The speakers consisted of Abhishek Bhati and Kim Moloney and the session was moderated by Sanjay Pandey. Abhishek Bhati (e-mail: abhati@bgsu.edu) is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science at Bowling Green State University, U.S. Kim Moloney (e-mail: KMoloney@hbku.edu.qa) is a Faculty Member at the College of Public Policy at HBKU in Doha Qatar. Sanjay Pandey (e-mail: skpandey@email.gwu.edu) is Shapiro Professor of Public Policy and Public Administration at the Trachtenberg School, The George Washington University. The webinar was very well attended from different parts of the world.

The webinar drew upon recently published Public Administration Review (PAR) papers – Bhati (2022) “What can postcolonial theory contribute to the study of social equity?” and Kim, Sanabria-Pulido and Demiciorglu (2022) “Interrogating hegemonic embraces: Representative bureaucracy, methodological Whiteness, and non-West exclusions.” Both these paper focus on social equity and representative bureaucracy in public administration from more comparative/globalized bureaucracy perspective. Bhati’s paper focuses on gaps in our understanding of social equity and race in public administration using more complex historical foundations capturing nuances of gender, ethnicity, and skin-tone rather than simplifying race as binary (White vs. non-White). He argues for using a strong theoretical foundation to understand race and subjugation, such as postcolonial theory. Postcolonial theory to understand race and intersectional identity and provides a firm capacity to understand race relationships using the historical lens.

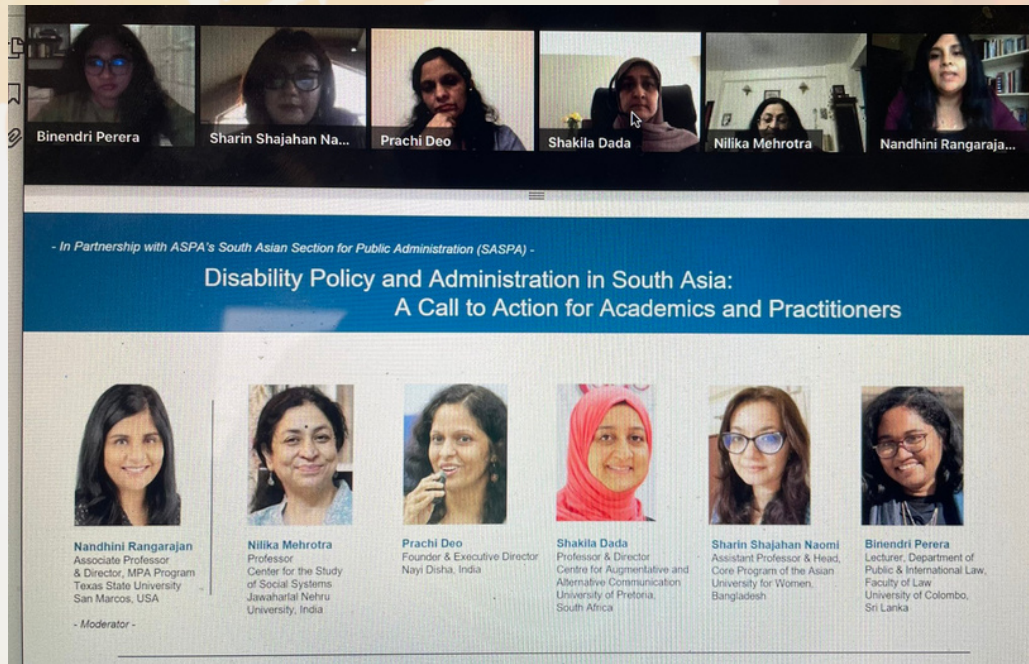
Moloney and colleagues' paper engages the representative bureaucracy concept to articulate several ideas: (a) concepts including (but not limited to) representative bureaucracy may not be shorn of assumptions present at their "origin"; (b) academics focused on the US and other Western countries may wish to limit any (un)intentional assumptions that their frequent 'n' of 1 is generalizable outside their own country; (c) methodological Whiteness – a term first coined in 2017 – may help scholars question their positionality, their understanding of how literature trends alter what is known, and may encourage a checking of Western paternalism and its related intellectual hegemonies; (d) not all counter-narratives are de facto non-hegemonic; (e) the overt focus of representative bureaucracy scholars on Western countries may overlook how group identifiers outside the West may neither replicate nor mirror the histories of Western bureaucracies; (f) each of our points has implications for pedagogy and how we teach and understand public administration.

Key Takeaways from the webinar:

- Postcolonial theory provides a strong theoretical foundation to understand race and intersectional identity and provides a firm capacity to understand race relationships using the historical lens.
- Postcolonial theory also provides insights into the exploitation and subjugation of colonial subjects (citizens once colonized by European empires) and how their identity is forever molded by the slave trade and exploitation of natural resources of countries in Asia, Africa, and Latin America.
- West-derived hegemonic understandings of the public administration discipline limit the development of public administration practice and scholarship outside the West.
- The discipline and practice of public administration may increase its global dialogues by conversing with non-West actors and recognizing the limitations of Western data and theories.
- Like many administrative concepts, the representative bureaucracy concept as developed in the West may not operate similarly in other contexts.

Prepared by: Dr. Abhishek Bhati

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DISABILITY POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION IN SOUTH ASIA: A CALL TO ACTION FOR ACADEMICS AND PRACTITIONERS

May 5, 2022

A webinar titled “Disability policy and administration in South Asia: A call to action for academics and practitioners” was conducted on May 5th 2022. This webinar, organized by Nandhini Rangarajan - SASPA board member and associate professor at Texas State University, focused on disability rights, policy, and administration from an international perspective and brought together experts from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Afghanistan, Sri Lanka, and South Africa. Some reports estimate the world’s disabled population at one billion and indicate that almost 80% of that population live in developing countries some of which have been slow to act on potential policy and administrative solutions to help the differently abled.

The main aim of this webinar therefore was to shed light on numerous disability issues in these countries and find potential gaps in research and practice that need to be addressed by scholars and practitioners. While three of the speakers presented a broad overview of systemic and institutional barriers in their countries, the remaining two speakers discussed the creation of a nonprofit organization and the creation of communication aids to overcome informational barriers.

Dr. Nilika Mehrotra, a Professor at the Center for the Study of Social Systems, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India introduced the policy climate for disability in India. She traced the evolution of the disability rights movement in India emphasizing the need for state action for “marginalized sections like Indigenous people, Dalits, and minorities”. She also observed that “disability is being articulated as singular marker rather than as intersectional identities” and given her research focus on disability and gender, emphasized that “development policies need to articulate the questions of gender and disability in a significant way to ensure sustainability.”

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Following Dr. Mehrotra was Ms. Prachi Deo, founder and executive director of a non-profit organization based in India, Nayi Disha, which works as a life-long partner to support and empower families touched by Autism, Down syndrome and other disabilities. Under Prachi's inspiring leadership, Nayi Disha has won several awards including the prestigious Zero Project Award given by the UN. She is also the recipient of the prestigious India Inclusion Fellowship in 2018 and was named the Salzburg Global Fellow in 2020. Prachi's talk gave the audience a sense of how Nayi Disha was founded. Her talk tugged at the heartstrings of the attendees as she described the difficulties and discrimination faced by her brother who has Down's syndrome and the struggles of her family in protecting and caring for him in a world that lacked the right attitude towards the differently abled and awareness about such issues. Prachi's segment showed how India lags behind when it comes to disability determination, medical assessments, provision of assistive devices for mobility, access to inclusive education, transportation policies aimed at the differently abled and many such issues that require immediate attention. Prachi noted that "Nayi Disha was born to bridge this existing gap and works as a lifelong partner to families". She believes that "families with the right support can be true change-agents to their children". Nayi Disha's services reach 11,500 families, 250,000 people and 600 cities and villages in India.

The next mini talk was given by Dr. Shakila Dada, a professor and director of the Centre for Augmentative and Alternative Communication (CAAC) at the University of Pretoria, whose work explores the use of augmentative and alternative communication systems to facilitate language learning and participation in society for individuals with complex communication needs. She discussed the creation of communication boards that were used to facilitate healthcare visits for those with complex communication needs. Dr. Dada discussed a UNICEF project in South Africa, a country with 11 official languages, which was tasked with the creation of communication boards. She observed that "for individuals with complex communication needs, a long history of difficult healthcare visits is common. Sometimes a communication board helps prepare them for the visit, so that they can get to the hospital in a more relaxed frame of mind." Dr. Dada provided details about the research project and particularly showed the audience how youth with disabilities and complex communication needs were included in every phase of the study. She indicated that "stakeholders with disabilities have been involved in the identification of the areas in which health education support is required and the design and adaptation of supports to best meet their needs. 14 youth with disabilities were interviewed with regard to their health education needs, 8 individuals with intellectual disabilities and 6 individuals with complex communication needs were also part of the study sample."

Guest Speakers

Dr. Nilika Mehrotra,
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Head of the Core Program
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Ms. Binendri Perera,
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Public & International Law,
Faculty of Law, University
of Colombo, Sri Lanka

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Challenges faced by disabled Afghanis were presented by Dr. Sharin Shajahan Naomi, an Assistant professor of Gender Studies and head of the Core program of the Asian University for Women in Bangladesh. Her work focuses primarily on disability, violence against women, women empowerment, indigenous rights, human rights, and refugee rights. Her talk emphasized the “need for intersectional feminist perspective” to improve the lives of disabled Afghani women. She listed “economic vulnerabilities, lack of access to the public health system in certain conflict-ridden zones and Taliban occupied territories, social isolation and mental health issues, gender-based violence and lack of access to education” as factors that worsen the plight of these women.

The final speaker Ms. Binendri Perera from the Department of Public & International Law at the Faculty of Law of the University of Colombo provided a comprehensive overview of the legal and policy framework for disabled individuals in Sri Lanka. She discussed challenges faced by the disabled which arose as a result of the civil war, the pandemic and more recently the economic crisis faced by the country. The three key recommendations that emerged from her talk were “ 1) Mainstreaming the rights of persons with disabilities within all institutions of the state instead of concentrating this as a subject within the Ministry of Social Welfare; 2) Establishing an oversight mechanism on upholding the rights of persons with disabilities either at the level of the President or the Prime Minister to ensure a cross-cutting approach and 3) Attitudinal change within the state apparatus from a charity based approach to a rights-based approach”.

In conclusion, the webinar provided numerous insights into the policy and administrative gaps in each of these countries that must be addressed to ensure dignity of treatment for the disabled. A sentiment that was echoed by all the panelists was that any policy or administrative action in these countries should first consider the implications for the differently abled. While substantial policy and administrative activity happen at the national level, there is no comprehensive mechanism to ensure that the benefits of such activity trickle down to the state and local level. Most of the burden of care is borne by individual families, nonprofit organizations, or some kind of private initiative. There is much room for improvement in inclusive education, transportation, mobility aids and infrastructure, caregiver assistance, disbursement of benefits, creation of awareness and educating the public about disability. The cultural, historical, political, and linguistic diversity of these countries present additional layers of complexity which must be taken into consideration when crafting policy or initiating administrative action to help the disabled.

Prepared by: Dr. Nandhini Rangarajan

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SAVE THE DATE ! SASPA WEBINAR

Improving accountability for public services in India: What works?

October 11th | 8:00 AM, Eastern time

In recent years, Indian governments have experimented with many innovations designed to improve accountability for public services in India. These include right to public service laws, right to information laws, and improved grievance redress mechanisms. What have we learned from these experiments? What further steps are necessary to improve responsiveness in the delivery of public services?

This webinar is co-sponsored by ASPA's South Asia Section, the Jindal School of Government and Public Policy, and the UMass Amherst School of Public Policy.

Panelists:

- Anindita Adhikari, Department of Sociology, Brown University,
- Suchi Pande, School of International Service, American University,
- Rajdeep Pakanati, Jindal School of International Affairs,
- Himanshu Jha, South Asia Institute, Heidelberg University,
- Moderator: Alasdair Roberts, University of Massachusetts Amherst.

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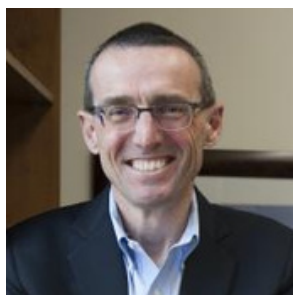


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SASPA AND THE ROLE OF EMERGING SCHOLARS IN STUDYING SOUTH ASIAN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

BY MERIL ANTONY, THANH HOANG, SUMAIYA TASNIM

Broadly speaking, the role of public administration is to fulfill the commitment governments make toward their citizens. These commitments are not only to fulfill the policy agenda but also to protect and respect their countries' fundamental human rights and democratic values. As such, public administration and good governance go hand in hand.

The PA field as it stands today cannot study governance without looking at it from a comparative lens. However, research has predominantly been done in developed countries. We need to create a framework within which the gaps we need to fill as scholars to study PA issues in developing countries must be urgently developed. This is imperative given the impact of climate change on stable governance systems in developing countries. The need for building local governance resilience has become even more paramount as we see South Asian countries facing new and unprecedented challenges, such as flooding in Pakistan and India.

In developing countries, just as in the developed world, the practice of public administration is inextricably intertwined with implementing reforms. This need for resilience and its foundation to be built on solid empirical and conceptual frameworks is even more paramount. This is an urgent and vital responsibility for the next generation of PA scholars from developing countries.

In this regard, the Section on South Asian Public Administration (SASPA) is a unique platform housed within ASPA that brings together scholars interested in South Asian issues from around the world. It is a way to build a global and rigorous Public Administration community among academicians, practitioners, students, and other researchers, to carry out research in the areas of public administration and development in South Asia. Common forums like SASPA are more significant as the South Asian presentation continues to grow in recent decades. South Asia consists of eight countries including India, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Nepal, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, and the Maldives. The region has a population of 1.891 billion, which equates to about one-fourth of the world's population. With the region's growing economy and political influence, a better understanding of South Asia public administration not only brings benefits to the region itself but also enriches the diversity and inclusion of the field.

In addition, SASPA offers opportunities for students and young professionals to interact, network, and attend international and national conferences on South Asia topics. It can also be an avenue to build partnerships and disseminate information with relevant stakeholders, including local government and non-profit organizations. SASPA can act as a vital stop to build around data collection and dissemination capacities by co-producing research and publications with members.

As the world steers forward in a pandemic world, it is essential to build a collaborative community that works towards building good governance and the development of global economic and social well-being.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Important events, scholarship and calls for proposals that shouldn't be missed



The ARNOVA conference is designed to create a public conversation on, as well as opportunities for presenting research about, pressing issues and vital opportunities facing the voluntary or nonprofit sector. It is both a showcase for the best and most current research, as well as a seed bed from which new research is born. This three-day event includes two plenary sessions, 180+ panel and/or paper presentation sessions, a poster session and numerous opportunities for networking/idea sharing.

For more information: <https://www.arnova.org/annual-conference/>



The program committee for the SECoPA meeting in Lexington, Kentucky (September 29 – October 1, 2022) invites participants to offer papers and presentations on all topics of public administration, but particularly encourages proposals dealing with the many ways public administrators across agencies, sectors, and levels of government build and promote community. This could include practices and policies that bolster (or undermine) public trust in government, such as efforts to increase transparency and accountability, improve government and agency branding, and foster communication with the public.

For more information: <https://government.eku.edu/secopa-2022-lexington-ky>

Upcoming Events



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF INDIAN STUDIES FELLOWSHIP

For 60 years, the American Institute of Indian Studies has provided funding to pre- and post-doctoral scholars and artists in pursuit of knowledge about India.

- Junior Fellowships are for graduate students conducting research for their doctoral dissertations in India.
- Senior Long- and Short-term Fellowships are for those holding the PhD degree.
- Performing and Creative Arts Fellowships are available to accomplished practitioners of the arts to conduct their projects in India.

For more information: <https://www.indiastudies.org/research-fellowship-programs/>

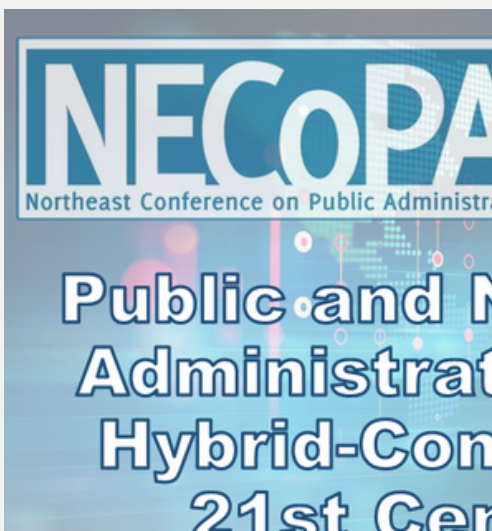


Advancing
Policy Research with
Cross-Disciplinary
Perspectives

APPAM 2022 FALL CONFERENCE

The 2022 APPAM Fall Research Conference will be a multi-disciplinary research conference attracting the highest quality research on a wide variety of important current and emerging policy and management issues. The conference is comprised of super sessions, panels, roundtables, poster presentations, and special events and is designed to encourage substantive interaction among participants.

For more information: <https://www.appam.org/conference-events/fall-research-conference/cross-disciplinary-perspectives/>



NECOPA 2022 (VIRTUAL)

Public and Nonprofit Administration in a Hybrid-Connected 21st Century - November 4 - 5.

The Northeast Conference on Public Administration (NECoPA), the annual regional conference of the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA), is intended to provide educational opportunities for scholars (faculty and students), practitioners (administrators and policymakers), and others interested in public service in a collaborative environment by educating all on current issues, research, and practice in public and nonprofit organizations. This conference will be NECoPA's 13th year of bringing together scholars and practitioners from the northeast region, the United States, and internationally.

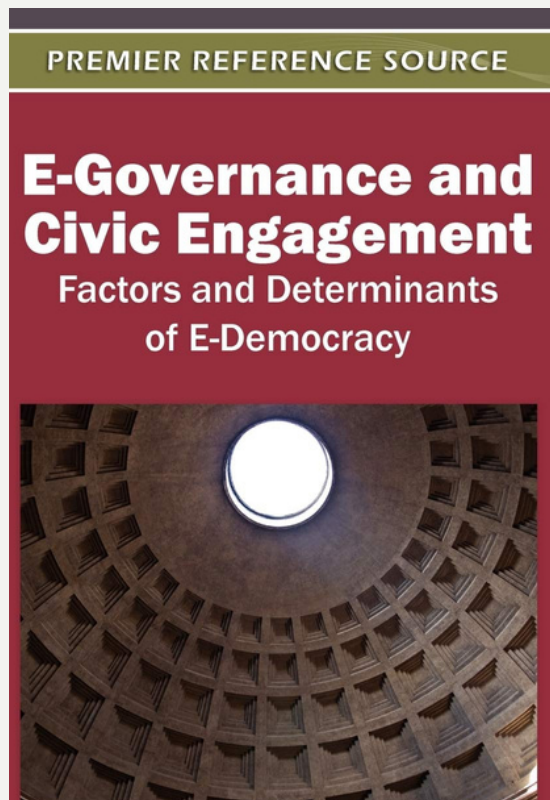
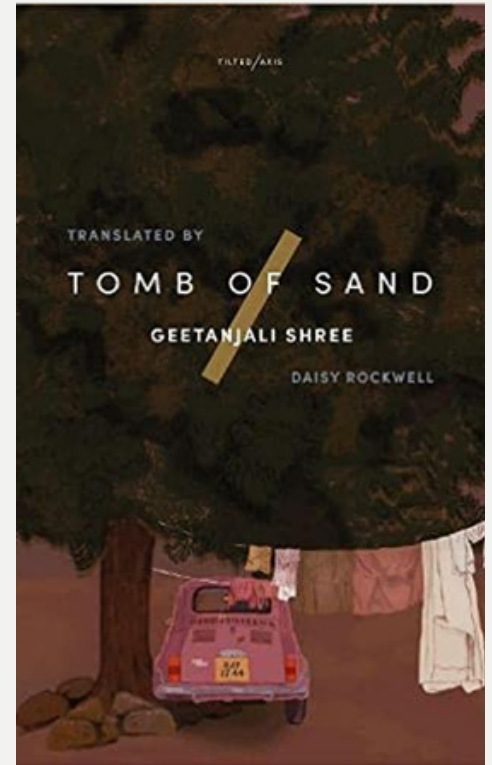
For more information: <https://northeastpublicadmin.org/>

Books we are reading

Tomb of Sand

Geetanjali Shree and translated by Daisy Rockwell

An eighty-year-old woman slips into a deep depression at the death of her husband, then resurfaces to gain a new lease on life. Her determination to fly in the face of convention – including striking up a friendship with a hijra (trans) woman – confuses her bohemian daughter, who is used to thinking of herself as the more 'modern' of the two. At the older woman's insistence they travel back to Pakistan, simultaneously confronting the unresolved trauma of her teenage experiences of Partition, and re-evaluating what it means to be a mother, a daughter, a woman, a feminist. Rather than respond to tragedy with seriousness, Geetanjali Shree's playful tone and exuberant wordplay results in a book that is engaging, funny, and utterly original, at the same time as being an urgent and timely protest against the destructive impact of borders and boundaries, whether between religions, countries, or genders.

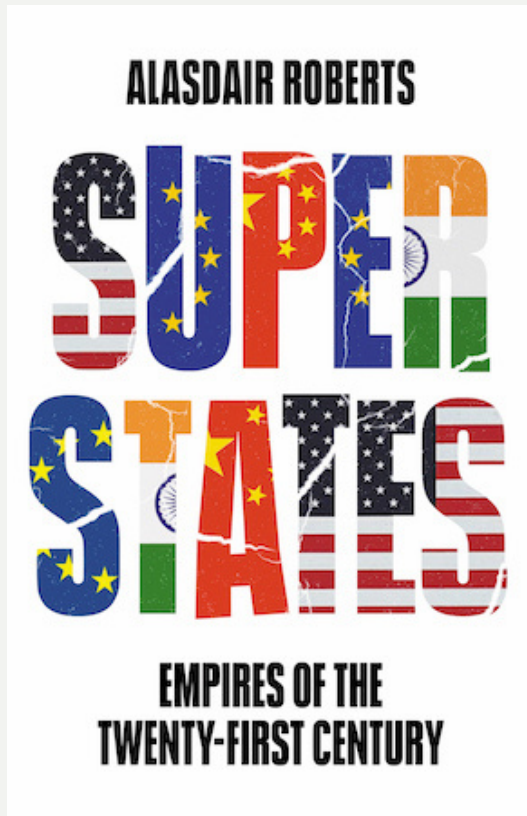


E-Governance and Civic Engagement: Factors and Determinants of E-Democracy

Aroon Manoharan & Marc Holzer

E-Governance and Civic Engagement: Factors and Determinants of E-Democracy examines how e-government facilitates online public reporting, two-way communication and debate, online citizen participation in decision-making, and citizen satisfaction with e-governance. The book explores the impacts from governments that have engaged their citizens online, discusses issues and challenges in adopting and implementing online civic engagement initiatives globally, and helps guide practitioners in their transition to e-governance.

Books we are reading



Superstates: Empires of the Twenty-First Century

Alasdair Roberts

In this century, the world will conduct an extraordinary experiment in government. In 2050, forty percent of the planet's population will live in just four places: India, China, the European Union, and the United States. These are superstates -- polities that are distinguished from normal countries by expansiveness, population, diversity, and complexity.

How should superstates be governed? What must their leaders do to hold these immense polities together in the face of extraordinary strains and shocks? Alasdair Roberts looks to history for answers. Superstates, he contends, wrestle with the same problems of leadership, control and purpose that plagued empires for centuries. But they also bear heavier burdens than empires -- including the obligation to improve life for ordinary people and respect human rights.



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