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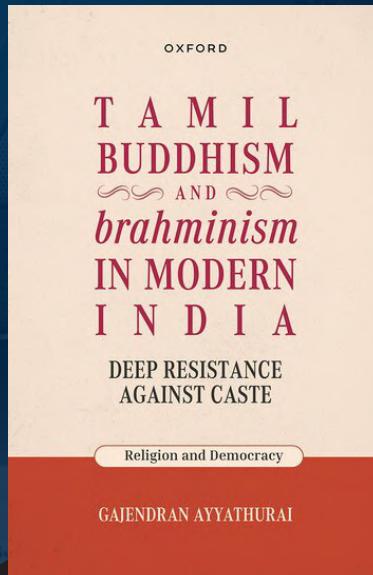
Ambedkarite Studies, JGU

invite you to a

HALF-DAY WORKSHOP

on

Critical Caste Studies



DR. GAJENDRAN AYYATHURAI

Author of *Tamil Buddhism and Brahminism in Modern India: Deep Resistance against Caste*
Ph.D. from Columbia University and Senior Postdoctoral Fellow at CeMIS, University of Gottingen, Germany

► **Guest Speaker** ▶

► 13th February, 2026 | 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM ◀

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SAVITRI JINDAL FACULTY OFFICE BLOCK (GROUND FLOOR)

ABOUT THE WORKSHOP

Dr. Gajendran Ayyathurai is the author of *Tamil Buddhism and Brahminism in Modern India: Deep Resistance against Caste*, published by Oxford University Press in 2025. The book, and Dr. Ayyathurai's scholarship, advances a Critical Caste Studies approach. Critical Caste Studies is an emerging disciplinary field and offers a distinct methodology and approach to critical knowledge production on the Global South, and on caste and Dalit studies in particular. Although scholarship has approached caste and Dalit studies with a critical intent, it has often failed to apply or integrate anti-caste aspirations in its research framework or engage with the question of caste in its full complexities and political frameworks. The idea of the workshop is to engage deeply with the question of what is critical caste studies, and examine its intersections with Indian intellectual history, caste, gender, class, law and religion. This workshop will be helpful for researchers, students, and faculty in the fields of law and social sciences who want to engage in their research, reading, and teaching through the lens of Critical Caste Studies.

10:00 AM - 10:05 AM ➔ WELCOME

Akshata Ashok Ahire

Lecturer, JGLS

10:05 AM - 10:15 AM ➔ OPENING REMARKS BY CHAIR

Prof. Prashant Gupta

Assistant Professor, JGLS

10:15 AM - 11:00 AM ➔ LECTURE

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11:00 AM - 11:15 AM ➔ QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

11:15 AM - 11:30 AM Tea & Snacks

11:30 AM- 12:30 PM ➔ BOOK DISCUSSION

Chair

Dr. Jadumani Mahanand

Assistant Professor, JGLS

Speakers

Dr. Chandrabhan Yadav

Assistant Professor, NLSIU, Bangalore

Dr. Dickens Leonard

Assistant Professor, IIT Delhi

12:30 PM – 2:00 PM ➔ PANEL DISCUSSION ON CRITICAL CASTE STUDIES

Chair

Dr. Praskanva Sinharay

Assistant Professor, JGLS

Speakers

Prof. (Dr.) Sumit Baudh

Professor, JGLS

Dr. Dhivya Janarthanan

Associate Professor, JGLS

Srujana Bej

Assistant Professor, JGLS