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“Sab case jhoote hain”: Sex, lies, and the law in rural India

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ABSTRACT:

This talk draws on ethnographic fieldwork in rural Uttarakhand in its exploration of moral panics around women's perceived misuse of what are often referred to as “*mahila kanoon*” - a set of laws that address gendered crimes, sexual and otherwise, against women. The talk pays particular attention to how young women accused of misusing (*durupyog*) the law understand its uses and limits, the role of actors who are charged with its enforcement, as well as their own deployment of it to manage social relationships and encounters.



Chair & Discussant:

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