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Date : 7 August 2018 (Tuesday)

Time : 12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. (Lunch provided)

Venue : Manasseh Meyer Seminar Room 2-1

Chair : Kanti Bajpai, Director (Centre on Asia and Globalisation) and Wilmar Professor
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Who Rises?: Re-thinking Rising Powers through the Lens of Beliefs



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Bios: Manjari Chatterjee Miller is Associate Professor of International Relations at the Frederick S. Pardee School of Global Studies at Boston University, and the author of *Wronged by Empire: Post-Imperial Ideology and Foreign Policy in India and China*. She works on foreign policy and security issues with a focus on South and East Asia, particularly India and China. Her work has appeared in academic journals as well as non-academic outlets such as *Foreign Affairs*, the *New York Times*, *The Diplomat*, the Asia Society Policy Institute, *The Hindu* and the *Christian Science Monitor*, and been supported by, among others, the Smith Richardson Foundation, the East-West Center, Oxford University, the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, and the US Department of Education. Before joining Boston University, Miller completed her PhD at Harvard University, and a post-doctoral fellowship at Princeton University.

Abstract: Although soft power is a nebulous concept in international relations, countries often seek to possess it. Soft power is particularly important for rising powers as they rise to become great powers. Where does soft power come from? History tell us that one important source of soft power is domestic ideas within a country about how to acquire and wield great power. The historical cases of the United States (1890-1914) and the Netherlands (1870-1910) are particularly fascinating cases of rising powers because the US did have domestic ideas that even today are linked to their soft power, while the Netherlands did not. These cases can help us understand rising powers, China and India, today and if and how they seek to wield international influence as they rise.

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