



Friday May 29th 2020, 5:30-7:30pm

Discussion: Yoga, India, and Hindutva

Yoga for People of Color, Albuquerque, NM invites you to a discussion on the dangerous politics of the Indian government and Hindutva nationalist movement. We are alarmed at how practices of yoga and meditation are politicized and co-opted by a fundamentalist regime to cultivate Islamophobia, anti-poor, anti-Dalit, anti-advasi (indigenous), anti-women, homophobic, transphobic rhetoric and policies such as the Citizenship Amendment Act and National Register of Citizens.

Yoga for People of Color creates intentional gathering spaces for self-identified people of color to practice yoga/meditation for self-care, healing, empowerment, and liberation.

Join us for this timely community discussion!

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Bidisha Biswas is Professor of Political Science at Western Washington University. She previously served as a policy advisor on human rights in South Asia to the United States Department of State. Bidisha's research areas are international security, conflict, immigration, and refugee governance. In addition to writing two books, she has published her work in a number of academic journals, as well as prominent news outlets, including the *Washington Post* and *Print India*. Bidisha obtained her PhD in Government and Politics from the University of Maryland, College Park.

Author of [Narendra Modi's soft-power diplomatic efforts abroad are being undone by hardline politics at home](#). Please read article prior to event!

Ramya Vijaya is a Professor of Economics at Stockton University, New Jersey. Her work focuses on racial and gender inequalities in the global political economy and gender and migration issues. In addition to her books on White Privilege and Indian Immigrant Women, she has published several pieces in media outlets like the *Washington Post* and *The Conversation*. Ramya also studied yoga at the Krishnamacharya Yoga Mandiram in Chennai and has taught yoga in India.

Author of [In India yoga is being co-opted for a divisive Islamophobic agenda; yogis need to speak up](#). Please read article prior to event!



This event is for self-identified people of color who are familiar with Yoga for People of Color Sangha. The event will have a waiting room set up. We will not admit anyone whose name we do not recognize. If you are planning to attend, send us an FB message or email us ym.poc.nm@gmail.com telling us about yourself and why you are interested in attending.