



INTERVENTIONS IN CRITICAL KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTION IN SOUTH AFRICA

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### **Sex and the Village: Theorizing the Rural through Scandal in Himalayan India**

This talk explores how scandals around sex and sexuality in rural north India provide openings for villagers to variously theorize the condition of contemporary rurality. In it, I trace how scandalous love affairs provoke reflection on a series of vexed questions: What does it mean to be a villager who lives gaonpana (in the village)? What habits, sensibilities, relationalities, antagonisms, intimacies, and accountabilities constitute a real village? What kinds of attachment are appropriate to social life in the village?



**Thursday 23 March, 13:00-14:30 (SAST)**  
**Room 401, Arts and Social Sciences Building, SU**