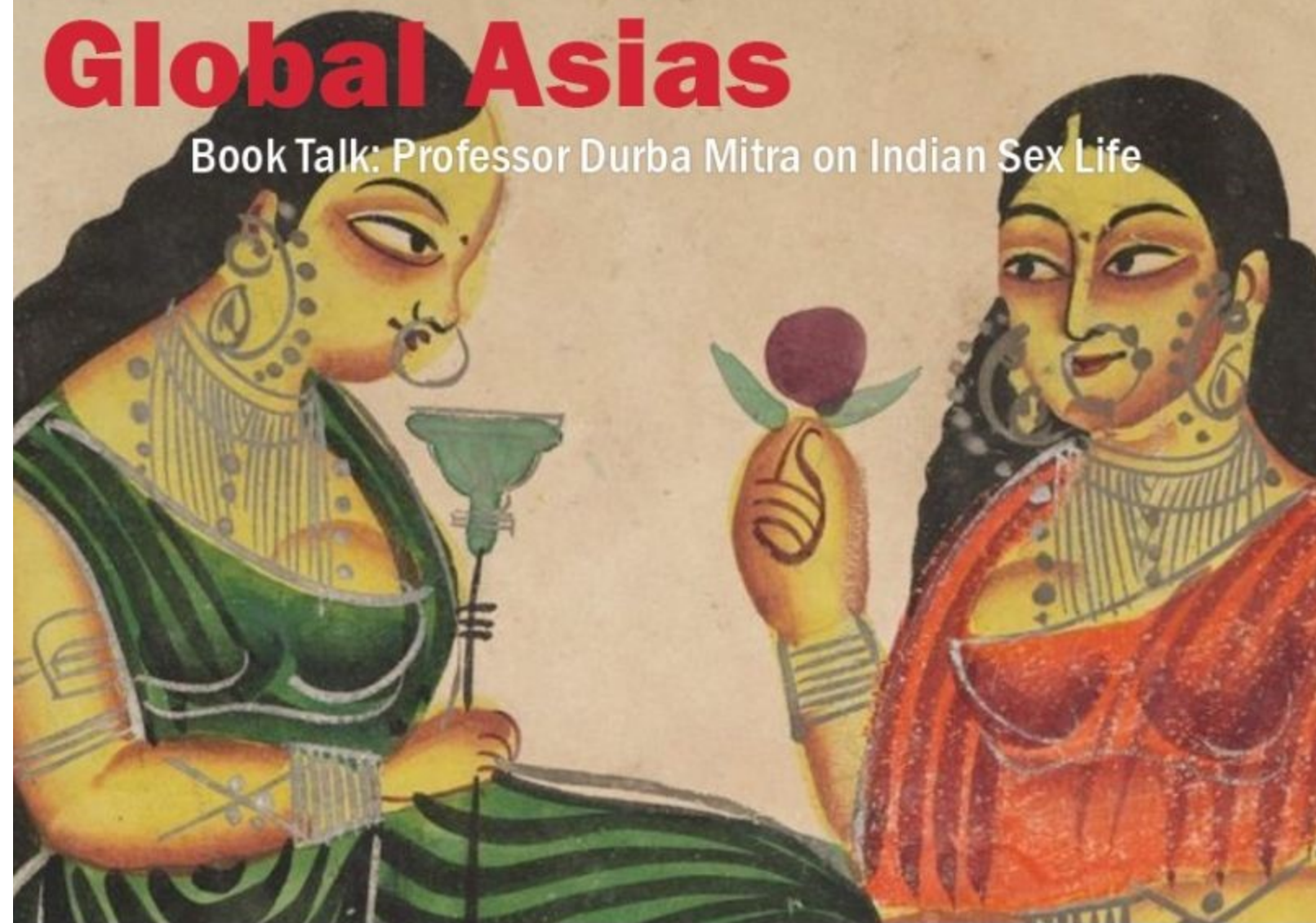


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Book Talk: Professor Durba Mitra on Indian Sex Life



Indian Sex Life: Sexuality and the Colonial Origins of Modern Social Thought

How British authorities and India intellectuals developed ideas about deviant female sexuality to control and organize modern society in India.

During the colonial period in India, European scholars, British officials, and elite Indian intellectuals—philologists, administrators, doctors, ethnologists, sociologists, and social critics—deployed ideas about sexuality to understand modern Indian society. In *Indian Sex Life*, Durba Mitra shows how deviant female sexuality, particularly the concept of the prostitute, became foundational to this knowledge project and became the primary way to think and write about Indian society.

Durba Mitra

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