



## Guest-Lecture

# Central Asian Migrants in Moscow & Their Struggle to Procure the Right to City

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Moscow is home to a growing number of migrants, about 60% of whom are from Central Asia. These migrants need to muster a plethora of documentation for obtaining a fixed-term permit to work legally (*patent*), the mandatory registration (*propiska*), and the temporary term residency or permanent residency (*postoyannoe mesto zhitel'stva*, *PMZh*). Notwithstanding these obstacles and growing transaction costs, migrants are able to procure the right to live, work, gain access to social services and consolidate their niches in the economy and public space.

Based on field research in Russia since 2011, Bhavna Dave examines the different practices and strategies through which migrants procure the right to city, obtain access to social services, establish their niches in the economy and social structures. These practices and strategies also reveal how state officials, intermediaries as well as migrants and their networks subvert the legal-regulatory system and produces many informal, quasi-legal sites of transactions and contestation.

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**Time:** **Wednesday, 26 April, 6 p.m.**

The lecture is designed for students and the interested public. Guests welcome.