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## **Multiculturalism in India: An Exception?**

**Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 4pm**

**121 Bay State Rd., Pardee School  
Lecture Room First Floor**

Dr. Rochana Bajpai is Senior Lecturer (Associate Professor) in the Department of Politics at SOAS University of London. She received her graduate degrees from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi and the University of Oxford and has held research positions at Oxford. Her work has largely centered on India, and examined the politics of religion and caste with reference to constitutional and policy debates. Her first book *Debating Difference: Group Rights and Liberal Democracy in India* (2011, third impression 2014), demonstrated the importance of the practice of argument and debate in the context of demands of group equality and national unity. Bajpai's current research funded by a Leverhulme Research Fellowship (2013-15), explores the theory and practice of political representation with particular reference to minority representation in Indian Parliament. She has also written on comparative affirmative action, with a focus on policy debates in India and Malaysia, as well as approaches to comparative political thought.