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Sean Jacobs

Globalization, Liberal Democracy, Mass Media and the Rainbow Nation

Wednesday, March 12, Noon-1:30 p.m.

Murphy Hall Conference Center, Room 100

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Upcoming Speakers

Marwan Kraidy

A Theory of Hypermedia Events: Reality TV and Public Contention in the Arab World

Friday, April 4, Noon-1:15 p.m., Murphy 100

Jigna Desai

Bollywood, USA: Global Indian Cinema in Asian America

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