

# 3RD ANNUAL JACK GLAZIER ENDOWED ANTHROPOLOGY LECTURE

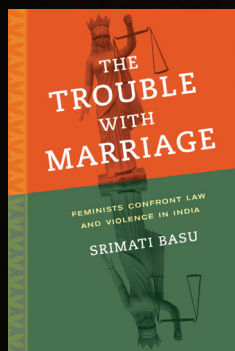


## THE CURRENCY OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: MARRIAGE, PROPERTY AND PLURALISM IN CONTEMPORARY INDIA

**TUESDAY  
APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup> | 5PM  
HALLOCK AUDITORIUM**

Reception to follow

Dr. Basu will speak about domestic violence prosecutions and their place in mediation and law in India. Her talk is grounded in her research that is published in her most recent book, *The Trouble with Marriage*, which is part of a new global feminist jurisprudence around marriage and violence that looks to law as strategy rather than solution. In this ethnography of lawyer free family courts and mediations of rape and domestic violence charges in India, Srimati Basu depicts everyday life in legal sites of marital trouble, reevaluating feminist theories of law, marriage, violence, property, and the state. Basu argues that alternative dispute resolution, originally designed to empower women in a less adversarial legal environment, has created new subjectivities, but, paradoxically, has also reinforced oppressive socioeconomic norms that leave women no better off, individually or collectively. She will also talk about some of her recent fieldwork on men's groups in India.



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Srimati Basu is Professor of Gender and Women's Studies and Anthropology, and a member of the Committee on Social Theory and the Asia Center Affiliates. She has an Interdisciplinary Ph.D. from Ohio State University in Cultural Studies/Anthropology/Women's Studies, and her teaching, research and community work interests include Legal Anthropology, Women in Development, Feminist Jurisprudence, South Asia, Feminist Theory and Methodology, Work, Property and Violence Against Women. Following an ethnographic study of feminist legal reform, marriage, courts, mediation, rape and domestic violence law, she has begun fieldwork on men's rights activist, marriage and domestic violence, the subject of her 2013-14 Fulbright Nehru Senior Research Fellowship in India.

**ABOUT JACK GLAZIER** • Jack Glazier taught anthropology at Oberlin College from 1971 until his retirement in 2013. The scope of his fieldwork included research in East Africa among subsistence farmers, Eastern European immigrants and their descendants in the American Midwest, and African Americans in the upper South. He sees anthropology as a unique discipline, combining the explanatory and generalizing goals of the sciences with the interpretive and historical sensibilities of the humanities. In the classroom and in his books and articles, he sought an understanding of human experience in wide ranging comparative terms while never losing sight of the distinctiveness of that experience in particular times and places. In honoring Jack Glazier, the lectureship bearing his name recognizes his scholarly and professional contributions to an encompassing anthropology and to the liberal education of Oberlin students.