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Queer Archives, Regional Archives: The Unruly Visions of Sheba Chhachhi and Akram Zaatari

by Dr. Gayatri Gopinath

Dr. Gayatri Gopinath draws on her forthcoming book *Unruly Visions: The Aesthetic Practices of Queer Diaspora* to identify a “queer regional imaginary” in the works of contemporary artists Akram Zaatari and Sheba Chhachhi. Dr. Gopinath foregrounds the category of the region—in both its sub-national and supra-national senses—in a queer diasporic frame in order to produce a new mapping of space and sexuality; this alternative mapping rejects dominant cartographies that either privilege the nation-state or that cast into shadow all those spaces, and gender and sexual formations, deemed without value within the map of global capital.

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Light refreshments provided. The talk will be followed by reception. Wheelchair-accessible space, universal & gendered washrooms on 6th floor.

