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FROM ETHNOPOLITICS TO 'EVERYDAY ETHNICITY': ETHNIC CHANGE IN THE BAMYAN VALLEY, AFGHANISTAN

In this talk, Dr. Adlparvar explores Roger Brubaker's framing of ethnicity theory by applying it to ethnographic research he conducted in the Bamyan Valley, Afghanistan. Brubaker argues that ethnicity operates through 'ethnic categories,' not 'ethnic groups.' Drawing from psychological theory, he argues that ethnicity is a way of seeing the world and of behaving in it. Dr. Adlparvar applies this concept of 'everyday ethnicity' to highlight the changing dynamics of ethnic identity and intergroup relations in the Afghan context. In particular, his talk will focus on shifting ethnic relations between Shi'i Hazarachs and Sunni Tajiks framed in terms of Ashura (Shi'i mourning rituals), in addition to the emerging contestation surrounding marriage between Hazarachs and Saadat.

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