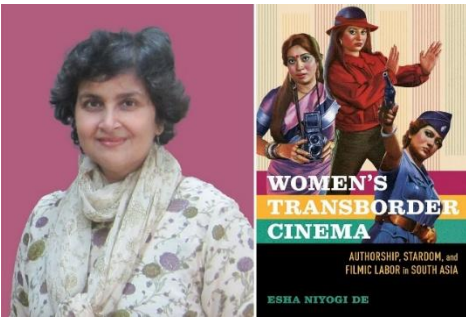




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## **AAUW Torrance Branch Celebrates Women's History Month**

### **Women's Transborder Cinema: Creative Agency Across South Asia**



**Esha Niyogi De, PhD**

**Esha** teaches in the Faculty of Humanities at UCLA and is Affiliate of the UCLA Center for India and South Asia. Her research focuses on South Asian women, film history, and literary history. She is the author of, among other publications, *Women's Transborder Cinema* (University of Illinois Press, 2024) and *Empire, Media, and the Autonomous Woman: A Feminist Critique of Postcolonial Thought* (Oxford University Press, 2011).

#### **Women's Stories and Cross-Border Collaboration in South Asia**

Drawing on the rare research and many oral interviews she conducted for her new book *Women's Transborder Cinema*, Esha's talk dives into a remarkable history of women directors and entrepreneurs in the film industries of India, Pakistan, and Bangladesh. Focusing on women making fiction films about women, Esha tells forgotten stories of how women filmmakers claim creative agency and forge cross-border ties in these countries. The talk will include clips from films made by **Aparna Sen and Gauri Shinde (India)**, **Shamim Ara (Pakistan)**, **Kohinoor Akhtar Shuchanda (Bangladesh)**, among others.

**Saturday March 14, 2026 at 1:30 PM**

**Torrance Airport Meeting Room**  
3301 Airport Drive, Torrance, CA 90505

#### **RSVP Required**

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Light refreshments will be served

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