



CHICAGO STUDIES

RESEARCH ROUNDTABLE SERIES

Join us to learn how scholars from different fields ask and answer questions about important urban topics.

THE STUDY OF WATER

Friday, January 17th, 12:30-1:20

Classics 110

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Victoria Saramago is an Assistant Professor of Hispanic and Luso-Brazilian Studies at the Department of Romance Languages and Literatures at the University of Chicago. Her work covers twentieth- and twenty-first-century Latin American literatures with a focus on environmental studies and studies of fiction and fictionality. Her book, *Fictional Environments: Mimesis, Deforestation, and Development in Latin America*, is forthcoming in 2020 by Northwestern University Press. *Fictional Environments* explores how novels can help us make sense of environmental change. *Fictional Environments* shows how novels have inspired conservationist initiatives and offered counterpoints to developmentalist policies, and how environmental concerns have informed the agendas of novelists as essayists, politicians, and public intellectuals.

Prachi Sanghavi is a health policy researcher who uses empirical methods to study comparative effectiveness of health care services, quality of care measurement, and population health. Her current projects include assessment of: (1) the effect of ambulance type, transport distance, and hospital quality on outcomes after out-of-hospital medical emergencies, (2) nursing home-reported data for patient safety and quality of care measurement, (3) the association between physician provision of low-value care and their patients' reported experiences, and (4) the health effects of hydraulic fracturing for natural oil and gas.



Sabina Shaikh is a Senior Lecturer in Environmental and Urban Studies in the College, Committee on Geographical Sciences in the Social Sciences Division and the Harris School for Public Policy. She is the Director of the Program on Global Environment and Faculty Director of Chicago Studies. Her research focuses on the behavioral and economic effects of changes in environmental quality. She is currently working on a mixed-methods interdisciplinary project on the changing hydrology of the Mekong River-Tonle Sap Lake system in Cambodia; identifying how environmental change contributes to human migration to cities. She will teach a new course *Water: Economics, Policy and Society* in Spring quarter, and this summer serve as a faculty mentor for both the Galapagos Urbanization and Sustainable Development Research Program and the College Summer Institute: *The Place of Water: Histories, Presence and Futures*.

This series is co-hosted with the UChicago Program on the Global Environment. Attendees may bring their own lunch, and fresh-baked cookies, coffee, and tea will be served.