

# Critical Race and Ethnic Studies (CRES) Program is

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**A Lecture By:**

**SUNAINA MAIRA**

# BOYCOTT!

**THE ACADEMY AND  
JUSTICE FOR PALESTINE**

## **PALESTINIAN FREEDOM, ACADEMIC ACTIVISM, AND CAMPUS REPRESSION**

This talk focuses on the growing campaign for the academic boycott of Israeli academic institutions, and explores the movement's implications for antiracist, feminist, queer, and academic labor organizing. It is based on the first book to focus on the academic boycott campaign and analyzes BDS activism as a transnational social movement that has generated profound intellectual and political shifts. Maira will also discuss the backlash against the boycott as exposing the culture wars around Palestine, Zionism, race, nationalism, and the neoliberal university, drawing on her research on the repression of Palestine solidarity activism on campuses in the Bay Area in her book, *The 9/11 Generation: Youth, Rights, and Solidarity in the War on Terror*.

Sunaina Maira is Professor of Asian American Studies and Co-Director of the Mellon Research Initiative in Comparative Border Studies at UC Davis. She is the author of several books including *Missing: Youth, Citizenship, and Empire After 9/11* and recently, *The 9/11 Generation: Youth, Rights, and Solidarity in the War on Terror*, which is a study of South Asian, Arab, and Afghan American youth and political movements focused on civil and human rights in the War on Terror. Maira co-edited *Contours of the Heart: South Asians Map North America*, which won the American Book Award, and *The Imperial University: Academic Repression and Scholarly Dissent*. Her most recent book is *Boycott! The Academy and Justice for Palestine*. Maira is one of the founding organizers of the US Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel (USACBI) as well as Faculty for Justice in Palestine and the Radical Sanctuary collective at UC Davis.

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