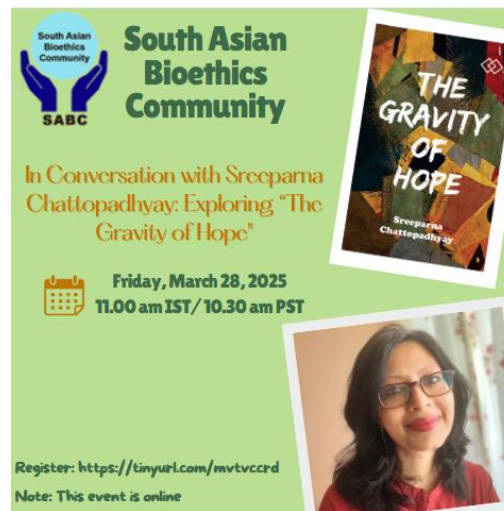


## South Asian Bioethics (SAB) Community

**Date and Time: Friday, March 28, 2025, 11.00 am IST/ 10.30 am PST**

### Event Topic

**In Conversation with Sreeparna Chattopadhyay: Exploring “*The Gravity of Hope*”**



The SAB Community is pleased to invite you to an online conversation with **Dr. Sreeparna Chattopadhyay**, medical anthropologist and author of *The Gravity of Hope*. Moderated by **Sualeha Shekhani**, core member of the SAB Community, this discussion will explore the themes of the book and the broader challenges of conducting ethnographic research on sensitive topics.

Published in 2024, *The Gravity of Hope* is a non-fiction work that sheds light on the lived experiences of women who have endured marital violence. Drawing from Dr. Chattopadhyay’s ethnographic research in an informal settlement in Mumbai, India, the book critically examines gender, marriage, and structural violence in the Global South.

The conversation will focus not only on the contents of the book itself but will also engage the audience into the methods and ethics of conducting ethnographic research on “sensitive” topics such as domestic violence within the Global South. Early-career researchers in multidisciplinary fields—especially those focused on health and social sciences in South Asia—will find this event particularly valuable.

**To register, please click on the link below:**

<https://tinyurl.com/mvtvccrd>

### **More about the Author**

Sreeparna Chattopadhyay is a Professor of Practice at Manipal University, and a visiting faculty member in Sociology at FLAME University, Pune. She holds an A.M. and a PhD in anthropology from Brown University and a Bachelor's degree in Economics Hons ('01) from St. Xavier's College, Mumbai, India. Her research, teaching, and advocacy in the last 17 years can be broadly divided into three interlinked themes: 1) Gendered violence such as domestic and sexual violence in India. 2) Unmasking intersectional inequities. 3) Analyses of reproduction using a political ecology and a biocultural approach. She has received several international grants such as awards from the National Science Foundation, the Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation, and the Population Reference Bureau to support her work. She has worked for the government, academia, and non-profits in India, the US, and the UK. She is deeply invested in translational research so that research insights can be disseminated to the public and policymakers for greater impact and writes extensively for independent digital platforms and the popular press.

### **Moderator**

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### **About Us**

The South Asian Bioethics Community (SABC), established in January 2023, is an online platform for early-career researchers in bioethics originating from South Asia.