

# This Fissured Democracy: Ritual and resistance over nuclear energy in India



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Nuclear power has long been the object of wide-ranging activism and protest in Western nations. Using the history of anti-nuclear opposition in India from the 1970s to post-Fukushima to explore the role of science in democracy, Bhadra will show why democratization of nuclear power has not followed a similar trajectory. India's anti-nuclear scientists, elite urban activists, and villagers have repeatedly aired their nuclear-related grievances through institutional channels, to little effect. Yet, this presentation argues, democratization of nuclear power is occurring, and requires the recognition that the state and nuclear establishment wish to appear legitimate and credible towards different kinds of publics, and along certain registers. *This talk is part of a larger series, "Energy and Society: Communities of Energy in Transition."*

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