



Across Oceans of Law



Renisa Mawani

Professor of Sociology,
University of British Columbia

March 7, 2019, 12:00pm

**William L. Harkness Hall, Room 309
100 Wall Street**

Renisa Mawani is Professor of Sociology and recurring Chair of the Law and Society Program at the University of British Columbia. She works in the fields of critical theory and colonial legal history and has published widely on law, colonialism, and legal geography. Her first book, *Colonial Proximities* (2009) details a set of legal encounters between indigenous peoples, Chinese migrants, “mixed-race” populations, and Europeans in late-nineteenth and early-twentieth-century British Columbia. Her second book, *Across Oceans of Law* (Duke University Press, 2018), is a global and maritime legal history of the S.S. *Komagata Maru*, a British-built and Japanese-owned steamship. She is co-editor of “The Travels of Law: Indian Ocean Itineraries” published in *Law and History Review* (2014); and co-editor of *Unmooring the Komagata Maru* (2019); with Antoinette Burton, she is co-editor of *Animalia: An Anti-Imperial Bestiary of Our Times*. An award-winning scholar and instructor, she has just been elected to the Law and Society Association’s Board of Trustees (2019-2022).

Co-sponsored by the Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program