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Post-2020 Asian America: Movements, Elections, and the Politics of Solidarity

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In the context of Asian American mobilization since the COVID-19 pandemic, what does it mean for Asian Americans to be pushing for anti-Asian violence to be understood as a problem of “hate” that is legible to and fixable by carceral apparatuses in the midst of the Movement for Black Lives and struggles for Palestinian liberation? Meanwhile, what are the limitations and possibilities of contemporary Asian American solidarity politics? From elections to organizing, what does it look like to re-orient Asian American politics towards more capacious visions of justice?

Light refreshments will be provided



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