Call for Papers:

**Challenging Hegemony within the South Asian Diaspora**
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ADVA invites you to contribute to the Fall 2019 special issue with the theme of “Challenging Hegemony within the South Asian Diaspora.” We are seeking scholarly essays, exhibition reviews, and artistic submissions on visual cultures that address the borderless and diasporic condition of South Asians around the globe in opposition to the statist and religious nationalism that drives political rhetoric in these countries of origin. We want to represent the vastness of South Asian Diaspora, which is much larger than the US, the UK, and Canada, encompassing the Caribbean, South America, and the Pacific Rim. We want to address class and caste-based divisions in the community head-on, especially as they intersect with LGBTQIA and interfaith concerns. This issue attempts to articulate South Asian diaspora visual culture in its true intersectional form, free of dominant narratives imposed by existing power structures.

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As a curator, she organized *Fatal Love: South Asian American Art Now*, *Queens International 2006 Everything All at Once*, and *Her Stories: Fifteen Years of SAWCC*. In 2017 she organized “Lucid Dreams and Distant Visions,” a three-day national convening of South Asian American artists, academics, and curators with the Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Center, Asia Society, and the Queens Museum.

Abichandani is currently curating a trilogy of exhibitions at the Ford Foundation for Social Justice to inaugurate their new gallery.

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