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# **ALGORITHMIC CULTURES IN ASIA**

A stylized eye graphic with a green iris and yellow sclera, positioned in the center of the main image. The background features a blue and orange globe with binary code (0s and 1s) overlaid. Dashed lines radiate from the eye.

**Tues**

**2:00 - 4:30 PM**

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Algorithms are a series of step-by-step instructions in a procedure that finishes and which is shown to work in all cases. This course addresses the formation of algorithmic cultures through the domains of digitality and ontology in South Asia and the Middle East. It introduces students to the concepts of algorithmic neutrality, discrimination, management and governance. The course explores how deep-learning algorithms may undergird an intensification of surveillance and securitization technologies with profound effects on human and post-human futures.

**Open to all majors/ no prerequisite**