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EXTENSION LECTURE

Collective Memory, Nation-building and Citizenship

by

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Venue: Mir Anis Hall, Near Vice Chancellor's Office,
Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi

Time & Date: 2.30 PM, Wednesday, 19 February 2020

The Topic: The consciousness of a people as a nation is mediated through its awareness of its past. What is remembered, who remembers it, and how, circumscribes the project of nation-building. The presentation explores the idea of collective memory as a resource for defining nationhood and reshaping citizenship. The attempt is to not just see history and memory as potent sites where most contentious conflicts unravel, but to argue that collective memory can be construed as a site in which citizens make rhetorical claims about national belonging, which can lead to concrete consequences.

The Speaker: Dr. Ghazala Jamil teaches at the Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. She is a political commentator and author of several books including *Accumulation by Segregation: Muslim Localities in Delhi* (New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2017), *Muslim Women Speak: Of Dreams and Shackles* (New Delhi: Sage / Yoda, 2017), *Once There was a City Named Dilli*, by Intizar Husain, tr. by Ghazala Jamil and Faiz Ullah (New Delhi: Yoda Press, 2017).