Professor Ijlal Naqvi Presents:
"Access to Power: Electricity and the Infrastructural State in Pakistan"

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Description: My book uses the electrical power infrastructure in Pakistan as a lens on questions of uneven state capacity in the Global South. I conceive of governance as an emergent compromise produced out of the nested fields of the state’s electricity generation and distribution network, thus connecting national policy issues of chronic undersupply and crippling debt to the everyday challenges of the infrastructural state. The book draws on extensive fieldwork at the offices of the Islamabad electrical utility and experience with policy reform.

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This talk will be held online in Zoom