



GLOBAL STUDIES ANNUAL LECTURE  
ACADEMIC YEAR 2018/2019

**Speaker:** Lucia Michelutti, Professor of Anthropology, University College London (UCL)

**Lecture title:**

“The art of bossing”: Authority and mafia democracies

**Abstract:**

Over the past decades, the relationship between power and crime in projects of governance is changing so rapidly that scholarship has not caught up - from electoral manipulations and fake news in the US and the rise of 'gangsters politicians' in India, to extortive political economies in Indonesia or Brazil. Our concepts and policies urgently need reformulation to capture more accurately the complexities of global and local forms of authority both within and beyond the state.

Ethnographically tracing the particularities of Mafia Raj (the rule of mafia) in South Asia, the lecture presents what the author calls "the art of bossing" providing nuanced ideas about crime, corruption, and the lure of the strongman across the world.

Introduction by Manuela Ciotti and responses by Jeremy Morris and Derek Pardue

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**Time:** 10-12

**Venue:** AUDITORIUM D2, 1531-119



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