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Wednesday, December 5th. 6:30 pm

Moving on up in an age of class- ridden societies

Distinguished panelists include:

- JULES NAUDET – Research fellow at CNRS
- SHAMUS KHAN – Sociology professor at Columbia University
- ANNETTE LAREAU – Sociology professor at the University of Pennsylvania
- ANUPAMA RAO – Professor at Barnard College and Columbia University

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6:30 pm- Check-in begins at 6:15pm.

Where Consulate General of France
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About The French Consulate General of New York has the pleasure to invite you to a conference of Jules Naudet to celebrate his book release, with the participation of Shamus Khan (Columbia University), Annette Lareau (University of Pennsylvania) and Anupama Rao (Columbia University).

In his book “Stepping into the elite”, French sociologist Jules Naudet conducts a comparative research of the experience of social mobility in India, the US and France. He analyses the consequences of the pressure to perform and achieve in these three societies from the perspective of those who have managed, against all odds, to climb up the social ladder.

This conference will question the hardships of those who achieve exceptional success while trying to find their place among the elite. Is education the only way to making it or are other soft-skills sometimes required? Do members of minorities like African-Americans in the US, Dalits in India, or descendants of North-African migrants in France experience their mobility in a similar way as members of majority groups do?



JULES NAUDET is a CNRS Research fellow in Sociology at the Centre for South Asian Studies (CEIAS, EHESS) in Paris. He’s also co-editor-in-chief of *La Vie des Idées/Books and Ideas* (a journal published by the Collège de France) as well as the co-editor, along with Surinder Jodhka, of the book series “Exploring India’s Elite: Power, Privileges and Prosperity” (Oxford University Press, first volume forthcoming in 2019).



SHAMUS KHAN is a professor of sociology at Columbia University, where he is the chair of the department. He writes on culture, inequality, gender, and elites. He is the author of over 80 articles, books, and essays. He writes regularly for the popular press such as the *New Yorker*, the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, and has served as a columnist for *Time Magazine*. In 2018 he was awarded the Hans L. Zetterberg Prize from the Swedish Academy for the best sociologist under 40.



ANNETTE LAREAU is a Professor in the Department of Sociology at the University of Pennsylvania. She has done research on the processes through which social class shapes children’s daily lives. She is the author of *Unequal Childhoods: Class, Race, and Family Life* which won a distinguished publication award. She is also the co-editor of *Educational Research on Trial, Social Class: How Does it Work, and Journeys through Ethnography*. In her current work, she is carrying out in-depth interviews with families who have high net worth. Annette Lareau is the Past President of the American Sociological Association.



ANUPAMA RAO is Senior Editor, *Comparative Studies in South Asia, Africa, and the Middle East*; and Acting Director, *Institute for Comparative Literature and Society*. She has research and teaching interests in gender and sexuality studies; caste and race; social theory; and colonial genealogies of human rights and humanitarianism. Rao is currently working on a book on the political thought of B. R. Ambedkar; and a project titled *Dalit Bombay*, which explores the relationship between caste, political culture, and everyday life in colonial and postcolonial Bombay.

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