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South Asian Religions in North America Today

Image: "Self Portrait I"
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How does Bill 21 in Québec affect South Asian immigrants? Are incorporations of meditation, yoga, and concepts like karma and rebirth into New Age spirituality examples of cultural appropriation? How do caste and racial discrimination intersect? What's the relationship like between South Asian and Canadian Indigenous communities?

From the Caribbean to Canada, South Asian religions have had a huge impact on the cultural landscape of North America. This course explores a broad range of religious traditions including Hinduism, Islam, Jainism, Sikhism, and Buddhism with an emphasis on timely and relevant political and social issues.