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Hindu Nationalist Upsurge in America

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Hindu nationalism is not confined to India alone; Hindutva has gone global. In the milieu of growing long distance nationalism, the ideology and politics of Hindu nationalism exert a strong influence over the overseas Hindus, the 'Hindu diaspora', from Africa to America. In this context, this presentation will highlight how and why Hindu nationalism got a strong foothold overseas, particularly in the United States, unravelling its history, strategies, networks, activities, alliances and achievements. In the light of the recent Howdy Modi event in Huston, it will analyze the possible fall out of Hindu nationalist politics on Indo-American relations as well as American politics.



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