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IT Ghettoes:

Indian immigration and segregation in American suburbs

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ABSTRACT
In this presentation, Dr. Sahney explores the settlement patterns of the newly arriving IT professionals from India in American suburbs. Using the case study of one township in central New Jersey, she proposes the argument that even within white suburbia, certain middle-class townships are preferred for settlement over other wealthier ones, because they provide diverse housing options that cater to various needs of Indian immigrants in different stages of their immigration. With special focus on their domestic and religious lives, Dr. Sahney is terming these new Indian enclaves of suburban America as “IT ghettos” to draw attention to patterns of white turnover, racial discrimination, and voluntary cum forced segregation, similar to those between the black and white population in American metropolitan areas of the 60s and 70s, that is now taking place in these fast evolving neighborhoods.