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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. - Sarmila Bose, visiting associate professor of Asian Studies and International Affairs at George Washington University's Elliot School of International Affairs, will present a public lecture, "Is India a Failing Democracy?" on Thursday, March 10, at 4 p.m. in the Davidson Room of Illinois Wesleyan University's Memorial Center.

The lecture is sponsored by the Asian Studies Team of the International Studies program at Illinois Wesleyan.

Bose is currently on leave from the Ananda Bazar Patrika (ABP) media group in India with whom she is senior writer based in Bombay and was assistant editor and columnist in Calcutta from 1999 to 2004. She writes principally on politics and economic policy, in English and Bengali.

Bose received her A.B. in history from Bryn Mawr College and her M.P.A. (Kennedy School of Government) and Ph.D. in Political Economy and Government from Harvard University. Alternating between academia and media, she has lived and worked in the United States, United Kingdom, Hong Kong and India. She has covered electoral politics in India in two stints since 1989, including field coverage of elections in the states of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat and Andhra Pradesh.

Bose is the author of *Money, Energy and Welfare: the State and Household in India's Rural Electrification Policy* (Oxford University Press, 1993) and *Jyotibabur Pashchimbanga: ekta adhapatanar adhyay* (Bengali, Ananda Publishers, 2001) which analyzes the decline of Bengal under 25 years of communist rule. She is co-author of 'India's Cause is Ireland's Cause: Elite Links and Nationalist Politics', in *Ireland and India: Connections, Comparisons, Contrasts* (Folens, Dublin, 1997). She has published numerous articles on South Asia's politics and public policy and is currently working on a book on democracy in India and a project on the conflict of 1971.