Over 40 days ago, nine Punjabi Sikh asylum seekers detained in an El Paso ICE facility began a hunger strike to protest the conditions and length of their incarceration. Their current strike can be situated within a long tradition of hunger strikes as a form of anti-colonial resistance against the British Empire. Although South Asians are detained by ICE at higher rates and for longer than other communities in immigrant detention facilities, South Asians are often invisible, silenced, and erased in discussions about immigrant detention in the U.S.

Join us for dinner and a panel discussion on the experiences of South Asians in immigrant detention. We will speak with practicing attorneys, immigration scholars, and community organizers about how and why South Asians are detained in the immigration system, and contemplate strategies for resistance and solidarity.

Featured speakers:

Simran Singh, Community Organizer

Meeth Soni, Legal Director at Immigrant Defenders Law Center

Professor Sameer Ashar, Vice Dean for Experiential Education at UCLA Law

Laboni Hoq, Litigation Director at Asian Americans Advancing Justice

This event will also be a fundraiser for the healthcare costs and attorney fees for the El Paso 9. Donate at https://bit.ly/2WVVLZ7. Dinner will be provided.

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