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**BOOK TALK WITH  
SHOBITA PARTHASARATHY**

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## **PATENT POLITICS:**

**Life Forms, Markets, and the Public  
Interest in the United States and  
Europe**



### **Speaker**

Shobita Parthasarathy  
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Arbor

### **When**

1.00-2.30pm,  
29 August 2018

### **Where**

CCANESA boardroom,  
Madsen Building, Eastern  
Avenue, University of Sydney

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### **ABSTRACT**

Over the past thirty years, the world's patent systems have experienced pressure from civil society like never before. From farmers to patient advocates, new voices are arguing that patents impact public health, economic inequality, morality—and democracy. These challenges, to domains that we usually consider technical and legal, may seem surprising. But in *Patent Politics*, Shobita Parthasarathy argues that patent systems have always been deeply political and social.

### **AUTHOR BIO**

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