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## The Konefsky Memorial Lecture

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# Racial Justice and Immigration in the Obama Era



**Rinku Sen** is the President and Executive Director of the Applied Research Center (ARC) and Publisher of *ColorLines* magazine. A leading figure in the racial justice movement, Rinku has positioned ARC as the home for media and activism on racial justice. She has extensive practical experience on the ground, with expertise in race, feminism, immigration, and economic justice. Rinku started her organizing career as a student activist at Brown University, fighting race, gender and class discrimination on campus. Over the course of her career, Rinku has weaved journalism and organizing to further social change. She also has significant experience in philanthropy. Rinku is Vice Chair of the Schott Foundation for Public Education, and an Advisory Committee member of the Philanthropic Initiative for Racial Equity. She has written extensively about immigration, community organizing and women's lives for a wide variety of publications including *The Huffington Post*, *The Nation*, *AlterNet*, *Tompaine.com*, *Brave New Film's Meet the Bloggers*, *ColorLines*, and she has video-blogged for *Racewire*, *ColorLines'* blog on race, culture and politics. Her book, *Stir It Up: Lessons in Community Organizing* (Jossey-Bass) was commissioned by the Ms. Foundation for Women and released in the fall of 2003. Her latest book, *The Accidental American: Immigration and Citizenship in the Age of Globalization* (Berrett-Koehler) was published in September 2008.

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**12:50 to 1:45 p.m.**

**Woody Tanger Auditorium  
Brooklyn College Library**

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