INDIA UNTouched- Stories of a People Apart

(108 minutes. Hindi, Bhojpuri, Gujarati, Punjabi, Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam with English sub-titles)
Produced by Drishti, Presented by Navsarjan

WHEN: Friday, November 9th, 1:30 pm
WHERE: Altschul Auditorium, 4th floor
417 International Affairs Building (SIPA)

“INDIA UNTouched-Stories of a People Apart” is perhaps the most comprehensive look at Untouchability ever undertaken on film. It exposes the continuation of caste practices and Untouchability in Sikhism, Christianity and Islam, and even amongst the communists in Kerala. Dalits themselves are not let off the hook: within Dalits, sub-castes practice Untouchability on the ‘lower’ sub-castes. A section on how newspaper matrimonial columns are divided according to caste presents urban Indians with an uncomfortable truth: marriage is the leading perpetuator of caste in India. But the film highlights signs of hope, too: the powerful tradition of Dalit drumming is used to call people to the struggle, and a young Dalit girl holds her head high after pulling water from her village well for the first time in her life.