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## Dealing with Sentencing Disparity: South Asian Approaches in a Global Perspective

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**Abstract:** Disparity in sentencing has been a matter of concern for most legal systems. In order to deal with the issue of unwarranted sentencing disparity, the United States, England, Australia, Israel amongst others have enacted sentencing guidelines, following different conceptual approaches to guidelines. South Asian countries on the other hand have just begun conversations on sentencing disparity and guidelines. In this talk, the speaker will focus on various approaches to reducing unwarranted sentencing disparity. The speaker will argue that a *sui generis* model is required for South Asia, and will attempt to provide an outline of such a model.

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