Last week, OISS held a lunch talk with author and international education expert, Dr. Rajika Bhandari. We are happy to provide the recording for those that were unable to make this thought provoking conversation.

Drawing upon her expertise as a scholar and author of international student issues and trends and her own personal journey as a former international student, Dr. Rajika Bhandari discussed key barriers that many international students and scholars face yet are either unaware of or are reluctant to share, while also providing a roadmap for the mindset and strategies needed to succeed. In doing so, she will drew upon her recent and award-winning book, *America Calling: A Foreign Student in a Country of Possibility*.

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**Speaker Bio:**
Rajika Bhandari, Ph.D., is a scholar-practitioner in international higher education, author of the award-winning book, *America Calling: A Foreign Student in a Country of Possibility*, and the host of the [World Wise podcast](https://www.worldwise.podbean.com/apps/pod/rest_EPISODE/show/242639) on education, culture, and migration. Dr. Bhandari's work has spanned the nonprofit, private and higher education sectors and 22 countries. Quoted frequently in the global press, she is also a widely published author and speaker.
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