

# Lunch &

# Learn

A new Bimonthly seminar series from the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering (CEE), focusing on convergent research, bringing together Northeastern colleagues and collaborators to think big/bold, explore ideas that build cooperation and foster transformative innovation within CEE and across disciplines beyond CEE.



**Auroop Ganguly** Professor, Civil and Environmental Engineering, Northeastern University; co-founder, risQ



**Evan Kodra** CEO and co-founder, risQ; Northeastern PhD alumnus

## Convergent academic research to socially motivated startup:

### *The case of Northeastern-spinout risQ*

We present risQ, a greater Boston based climate analytics startup, and a proud spinout from the Northeastern University Sustainability and Data Sciences Laboratory (NU SDS Lab). The first 15-minutes of the presentation will be led by Auroop R. Ganguly, a Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering and a co-founder of risQ, while the second 15-minutes will be led by Evan Kodra, a co-founder and the CEO of risQ who is also a PhD alumnus from the SDS Lab. Ganguly will describe the convergent research vision of the SDS Lab leading up to the formation of risQ and beyond, followed by Kodra who will take us through the journey of establishing risQ as a viable business entity without compromising on the societal relevance. We will leave the last 30-minutes for Q&A and to look for motivated students who can be co-founders and C-level executives of the next startup to be spun out from the SDS Lab with a focus on the resilience of lifeline infrastructure systems: ResQuant!

**Thursday**

**November 12,**

**2020**

**12pm–1pm**

**[Zoom Meeting](#)**

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