

Departmental Colloquium: New Interventions in the History of Partition

From Silences to Virtual Memories: Partition History in the Digital Age

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There has been a surge in Partition Studies in recent years that illuminates the changing relationship between how we speak and write about History, amplified by the digital age and social media. A key element in this has been the role of the South Asian diaspora and organisations and institutions based in the Global north, which have enabled the scaling-up of these initiatives. This talk attempts to firstly contextualise this development, then offer a critique and thereby attempt to complicate these historiographical developments. At the heart of this surge has been the use of oral history that initially opened up the academe, inside-out, and has now blurred the lines between academic and public history. In the process though, the question which histories remain hidden and which come to the fore, has been rather reinforced, given the structural inequalities that are exhibited in the collection, documentation and dissemination of oral accounts.



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