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# Colloquium

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## A Sonic Approach to Anticolonialism in South Asia



Prof. Dr. Kama Maclean

In in this talk, introducing the Colloquium for the History Department, Kama Maclean will discuss her next project, which aims to apply the methods of Sound Studies to the history of anti-colonialism in India. Extending on her earlier work which drew on visual archives to construct historical narratives, this project aims to explicitly trace the reverberations of sound – especially mediated speech, slogans and song – in anti-colonial mobilisation in the interwar period. Orality was a critical element of political communication which, due to the difficulties in capturing the spoken word, has not yet been studied in detail; yet the archives are full of sound. The deeply affective qualities inherent in sound, and the growth of technologies to amplify and record them, renders this a rich approach to understanding anti-colonial politics. All are welcome; please register at [history@sai.uni-heidelberg.de](mailto:history@sai.uni-heidelberg.de)