



States-in-Waiting: A Counternarrative of Global Decolonization

After the Second World War, national self-determination became a recognized international norm, yet it only extended to former colonies. Groups within postcolonial states that made alternative sovereign claims were disregarded or actively suppressed. Foregrounding little-known regions in South Asia and Southern Africa and the networks that connected them to global politics, this presentation will discuss the unfinished and improvised ways that the state-centric international system replaced empire, which left some claims of sovereignty perpetually awaiting recognition.

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