Complete Political Independence: The Curious Genealogy of a Nationalist Indian Demand

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Mrinalini Sinha is a historian of Modern South Asia and of the British Empire. She has written on various aspects of the political history of colonial India, with a focus on anti-colonialism, gender, and transnational approaches. She has recently been working on the different forms of political imaginings, beyond the nation-state, that animated anti-colonial thought in India at least until the interwar period. She is the author of Colonial Masculinity: The Manly Englishman and the Effeminate Bengali (Manchester, 1995) and the prize-winning book Specters of Mother India: The Global Restructuring of an Empire (Duke, 2006). Recently, she co-edited a volume with Manu Goswami called Political Imaginaries in Twentieth-Century India (Bloomsbury, 2022). She has been a recipient of several fellowships, including from the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation, the Rockefeller Foundation, the National Endowment for the Humanities and the American Institute of Indian Studies, and the American Philosophical Society. She is currently working on a book project, tentatively entitled Complete Political Independence: The Curious Genealogy of a Nationalist Indian Demand. She is a former president of the Association for Asian Studies.

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Light refreshments will be served