

Legacies of the Eighteenth Century in India

An online round-table discussion

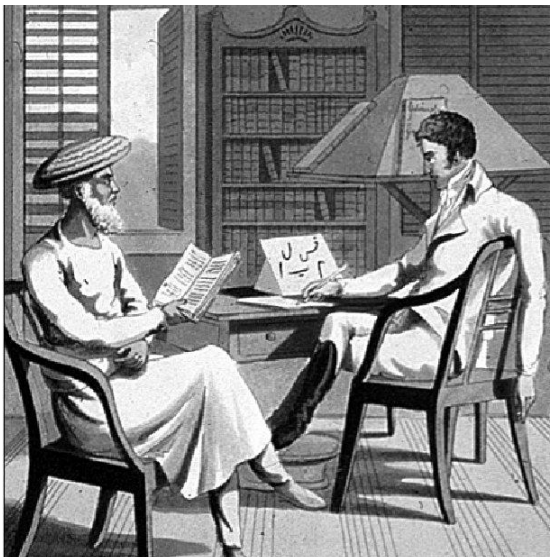
Friday 27 May 2022, 3 p.m. British Summer Time (7.30 p.m. Indian Standard Time)

Three leading scholars discuss Indian legacies of the eighteenth century, a period of significant transition and change in the subcontinent, leading to the construction of new categories of thought, belief, and identity in the formation of the modern nation

Sutapa Dutta, Colonial Textbooks and Geopolitical Consciousness in British India

Pramod Nayar, Imagining, Inquiring, Imaging: "Discoveries" of India

Prayag Ray, British mediations of Hinduism



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