

Lecture Series on Governance and Politics in South Asia Department of Political Science

The Differential Impact of the Second World War on India

by

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Historical writing on the 1940s in India tends to focus on its independence and partition in 1947. Historians have dissected the details of constitutional negotiations, and of political mass mobilizations. Massive amounts of archival material have been published in the *Transfer of Power* series edited by Nicholas Mansergh, and the *Towards Freedom* project of the Indian Council of Historical Research. The titles of these projects indicate the themes of primary interest. In historiography, the drums of decolonization and independence have proved louder than the drums of war. As a result of the existing focus on independence and partition, the profound impact of the Second World War on the Indian economy and society, is often overlooked. This lecture will focus on various aspects of that impact.



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