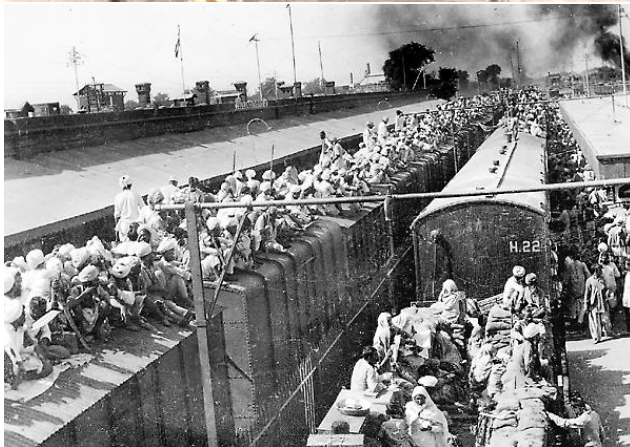


NEW COURSE OFFERED IN JANUARY 2011

SAS415H1S: History, Memory, Archives: Alternative Histories of Colonial India

Visiting Professor Nonica Datta, University of Delhi
Wednesdays 12-2pm



Mahua - Gaanjaa, Central India Forest

This course focuses on the interplay of history, memory and archives to understand and craft parallel histories in colonial India. It offers historical perspectives on the 'small voice of history,' micro-histories, and local and alternative histories against the background of nationalist history. It will discuss questions of periodization, experience, language, narration and identity in 19th and 20th century India.

By focusing on history, archives, memory, and historical fieldwork, the course will review the boundary between history and literature, history and memory, and history and anthropology, and suggest ways of opening up a historian's territory. Through a close reading of some 'significant' and 'insignificant' 'events,' periods, and texts it unfolds the many narratives of history and memory in cantonments, cities, and villages in colonial India.

The course will use photographs, maps, paintings, memories, stories, and films.