

India's Colonial History

Readings: Tapan Raychaudhuri, "British Rule in India: An Assessment" in P. J. Marshall, ed., *The Cambridge Illustrated History of the British Empire* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1996), 57-69

- The big story: colonialism as a fundamentally economic project

Phase 1: Early Trade Colonialism & the East India Company (1757-1857)

- The Mughal Empire
- European trading companies in South Asia
- East India Company (est. 1600)
- Clive & the Battle of Plassey (1757)
- The Collaboration Debate
- Trading companies: financial and ethical fiascos?
- A golden age of intercultural openness?
- The larger imperial story: South Asian indentured laborers

Phase 2: High Colonialism & the British Raj (1858-1947)

- The "Indian Mutiny" or Great Rebellion of 1857
- High colonial racism: the Civilizing Mission, European women & missionaries
- The Independence movement:
 - The Revolutionary movement
 - Dadabhai Naoroji's "un-British rule"
 - M. K. Gandhi's non-violent *swaraj* movement
 - Dr. Ambedkar, *dalits* & the Indian Constitution
 - V. J. Patel & the Princely States
 - Jawaharlal Nehru, India's first PM
- Partition & the creation of independent India and Pakistan (Pakistan: 14 Aug 1947; India: 15 Aug 1947)