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»Memory & History: Testimonies and Narratives from the Partition of India, 1947«

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Lecture

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The lecture explores the relationship between memory and history in the context of the partition of India in 1947. It seeks to move the discussion on the subject beyond the usual binary, the juxtaposition of the two, one the meta narrative, the other the small voice. Memory work, collection of testimonies, in this perspective, becomes complementary to the task of the historian; it is not counterposed to it. While rooted in the partition of India in 1947, the perspective of the lecture is one of the connected histories of conflict sites, and the possible transformative role of memory work in bringing closure to survivors of conflict.