

THE PERSISTENT LEGACY

The Partition of British India at 70



The 1947 partition of British India led to an estimated million deaths and ten million displaced persons, created the modern states of Pakistan and India (and arguably Bangladesh at a later date), and left a persistent legacy that shapes internal, regional and international politics to this day.

To commemorate and attempt to improve our understanding of this seminal event, James Madison College will host Rajmohan Gandhi, Ramachandra Guha, and Vazira Zamindar, three of the world's leading experts on the partition and other central questions of South Asian history and contemporary politics to consider the political, cultural, environmental, agricultural, and developmental legacies in the partition era in South Asia.

September 14, 2017 - THE PERSISTENT LEGACY: EVENING PANEL

*Featuring Keynote Speakers Rajmohan Gandhi, Ramachandra Guha, and Vazira Zamindar
Lincoln Room, Kellogg Center - 6:30 pm*

September 15, 2017 - THE PERSISTENT LEGACY: SYMPOSIUM SESSIONS

Third Floor, International Center

The Lessons of Partition for India, South Asia, and the World - 8:30-10:00 am

Balancing Environment and Development in Independent India - 10:30 am-12:00 pm

The Post-Partition Landscape in Literature, Arts and Culture - 1:00-2:30 pm

Innovations in Agricultural R&D towards Sustainable Growth in South Asia 3:00-4:30 pm



Rajmohan Gandhi is the author of more than a dozen books on India's history, and is currently a Visiting Hannah Professor at James Madison College.



Ramachandra Guha is the author of more than fifteen books that make him simultaneously one of Indian's leading historians, environmental experts, public intellectuals, and commentators on cricket.



*Vazira Zamindar is a professor of South Asian history at Brown University and the author of *The Long Partition and the Making of Modern South Asia: Refugees, Boundaries, Histories*, one of the most important and insightful books on the partition.*



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