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**Abstract:**

This project examines anti-colonial and imperial networks that spanned South Asia and the Palestine Mandate, both crucial parts of the British empire. In doing so, it reveals that British decolonization looks fundamentally different when one examines connections between colonized territories. I argue, first, that anticolonial activists in these territories successfully exploited the empire's internal weaknesses in order to win concessions from British leaders. Second, British officials themselves either failed to apply lessons learned in one part of the empire to other territories or drew the wrong lessons. This project's significance lies in its innovative view of history of decolonization as a process that linked different parts of the imperial periphery. It will also clarify the origins of the ongoing Indo-Pakistani and Israeli-Palestinian conflicts, both of which were exacerbated by the mass violence and large-scale exodus that resulted from Britain's withdrawal.