Decolonization at 60: A Workshop at Boston University
121 Bay State Road Boston MA 02215
Wednesday, 18 March 2020, 9:15 AM – 6:15 PM

Organizer: Jayita Sarkar, Assistant Professor, Boston University Pardee School
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Co-sponsors: Boston University’s Pardee School, Center for the Study of Asia, African Studies, Institute for Culture, Religion and World Affairs, and Latin American Studies

*** Breakfast for participants ***
9:00 AM onward

9:15 – 9:30 AM: WELCOME NOTE
Jayita Sarkar, Boston University, Pardee School

9:30 – 11:00 AM: PANEL #1: Connected Partitions
Chair: Ben Siegel, Boston University, History
Discussant: Sana Aiyer, MIT

• Sakura Christmas, Bowdoin College
  Unnatural Borders: Imperial Japan and the Partition of Inner Mongolia

• Jayita Sarkar, Boston University
  Frontiers to Battlefields to Borderlands: Connected Partitions in the Rohingya Question, 1942-52

• Pankhurpee Dube, Dartmouth College
  Geographies of Migration: Refugees vs. Nomads in the Dandakaranya Project, 1947-1978

11:00- 12:30 PM: PANEL #2: Religion & Borderlands
Chair: Michelle Louro, Salem State University
Discussant: Willem Van Schendel, University of Amsterdam

• Lydia Walker, Institute of Historical Research, London
  Postcolonial Imperialism: Negotiating between Church, State, and Nation in Nagaland

• Kalyani Ramnath, Harvard University
  Checkpoints in South Asia’s Other Partitions

• Amna Qayyum, Princeton University
  The Ghosts of Comilla: Contraception, Islamic Thought, and State-making in East Pakistan

*** Lunch for participants and attendees ***
12:30-1:30 PM
1:30 – 3:00 PM: PANEL #3: Global Decolonization  
Chair: Jayita Sarkar, Boston University, Pardee School  
Discussant: Brooke Blower, Boston University, History

- Carolien Stolte, Leiden University  
  Feminist Readings of Decolonization Conferences

- Jessica Samuel, Boston University  
  Economic and Epistemological Violence: 21st-century American Colonialism in the U.S. Virgin Islands

- Michelle Getchell, US Naval War College  
  Two, Three, Many Vietnams: Che Guevara’s Tricontinental Revolutionary Vision

- Beatrice Wayne, Harvard University  
  How to Hide an Ethiopian Empire: The Eritrean Sovereignty Movement in the Moment of Decolonization

*** Tea/Coffee Break for participants and attendees ***

3:00- 3:15 PM

3:15-4:30 PM: ROUNDTABLE  
Zomia, Deltas and Islands: Critical Political Geography in Decolonization  
Moderator: Carolien Stolte, Leiden University

Island: Julian Go, Boston University, Sociology  
Delta: Debjani Bhattacharyya, Drexel University  
Zomia—TBD

5:00 – 6:15 PM: PUBLIC KEYNOTE  
Prof. Willem van Schendel, Professor of Modern Asian Studies, University of Amsterdam  
Location TBD, open to public.