

Nabobs and Memsahibs: The British in India

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Four Mondays
September 18, 25, Oct 2, & 9, 2017

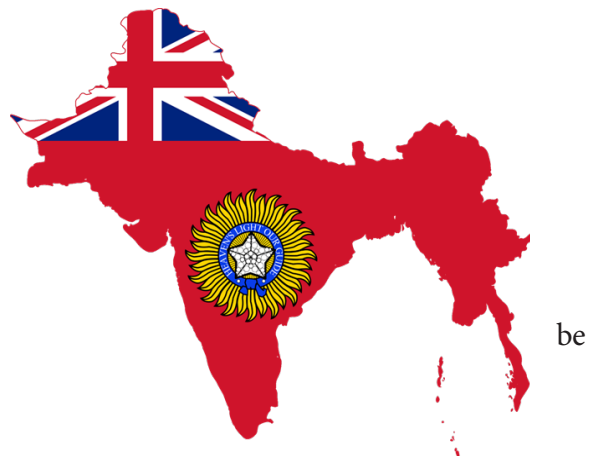
9:30 am - 12:00 pm

Grace Gathering
400 Puente Drive, Santa Barbara

India was the largest and most diverse of those countries that constituted the British Empire, on which, in its heyday, the sun never set. The last 100 years of this imperial rule in India (1858–1947) came to be known as The British Raj.

These four sessions will trace the development of British rule in India over some 350 years. The first talk will give an outline of ancient India from pre-historic times to the start of the Middle Ages; it will then highlight the six remarkable Mughal Emperors who ruled India during the 16th and 17th centuries — and who preceded the British in India in the form of the East India Company. The second and third sessions will cover the development of British rule in the 18th and 19th centuries, with the final talk covering the 20th century and events leading up to the creation of an independent India in 1947.

The talks will cover social and cultural developments in addition to the main political and military milestones. There will be individual sections on the place of women in the Raj and on the life and influence of Mahatma Gandhi.



Deadline for registration: September 7th

Enrollment Form: *British in India*– Sept 18, 25, Oct 2, & 9, 2017

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Biography: *John Ledlie* is British and has spent most of his life in the United Kingdom. After completing high school in London and a BA degree at Oxford University, John joined the British Ministry of Defense (as a civilian) and spent the bulk of his career on defense and security issues. After leaving the Ministry, John became Director of a not-for-profit organization outside London. It was through that organization that he met his (American) wife Lis; they moved from London to Santa Barbara five years ago. Members of John's family have long-standing connections with India, and John himself traveled there several times during his career.



VISTAS Calendar

Seminar/Event	Inclusive Dates	Time	Venue
Annual Picnic	Sunday, September 10	12:30 pm	Tuckers Grove
Documentary Film Club	3rd Thurs Monthly	2:00 pm	Maravilla Theater
Nonfiction Book Club	2nd Thurs Monthly	1:30 pm	Vista del Monte-Sierra Madre
The British Raj	Mon, Sept 18, 25, Oct 2 & 9	9:30 am	Grace Gathering
Art Presentations	Thurs, Sept 21, 28, & Oct 5	9:30 am	Valle Verde - Social Room
The Changing Arctic	Tues, Oct 17 & 24	9:30 am	Goleta Library
Mental Illness	Wed, Oct 18 & 25	9:30 am	Valle Verde - Social Room
Freedom Train	Tues, Oct 31 & Wed, Nov 1	1:00 pm	Grace Gathering
Socialism in the US	Tues, Nov 7, 14, 21	9:30 am	Grace Gathering
Wine in Culture	Mon, Nov 13, 20, 27	9:30 am	Valle Verde - Social Room
Climate Change Denial	Wed, Nov 29 & Dec 6	9:30 am	Museum of Natural History
Hamilton	Mon, Dec 4, 11, 18	9:30 am	TBA - Limited to 10