

## Special Issue

# Transnational Genealogies: The Politics of Space, Migration, and Identity in Colonial and Postcolonial Contexts

### Message from the Guest Editor

The complex pattern of current global migration is composed of threads spun throughout the colonial era. Colonialism significantly altered the politics of geography, migration, and identity, creating transnational genealogies that continue to have a substantial influence in postcolonial contexts. These forced movements resulted in enduring diasporas that dismantled communities and generated new, often contested identities in colonial territories that were rigidly separated to uphold racial and social inequalities (Mamdani, 1996).

Urban planning, seizing land, and creating borders that arbitrarily separated ethnic groups and altered notions of belonging all exemplify the colonial politics of space.

These family trees remain in the postcolonial era. Former colonial powers and newly independent states continue to grapple with the effects of these planned migrations and spatial divisions. To understand contemporary migratory politics, spatial inequalities, and ongoing struggles for recognition and decolonisation of identity and territory, we need to explore these transnational genealogies.

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