THE

‘DECOLONISED’

DIGITAL ARCHIVE

Open Archive
The principle aim of this digital journal is to provide History students with a resource that allows you to recover the experiences and voices of indigenous actors and communities, which are often overlooked and marginalised in the writing of the history of the British Empire and its aftermath.

This digital journal has been divided into five principle regions and focuses predominantly on the era of decolonisation:

(1) Caribbean
(2) Africa
(3) South Asia
(4) The Middle East
(5) Australia and New Zealand.

Of course, these five regions do not necessarily encompass all territories that formed the British Empire, however, they do provide us with a starting point at which to begin to shift away from the British perspective. Within each region you will find an array of online based archives that you will be able to freely access their resources. On some websites you may have to register or sign in via your institutional email to gain access. The online archives that make up this digital journal, are by no means a definitive account of the resources that are available to you. You should use the online archives listed in this digital journal as a starting point for your own research.

There are two learning objectives that I hope you will develop as you make use of the resources listed within this digital journal:

(1) The digital journal provides you with a gateway to an extensive array of online resources that allow you to engage with archival material that firmly shifts the point of analysis away from the British one.
(2) It is also hoped that by using this digital journal it will develop and enhance your ‘digital literacy’ skills by familiarising you with a variety of online platforms from which to gather resources for your research.

This being a ‘digital journal’ there is always room to update and add to its collection. Therefore, if you do come across any online archives that you think should be added to the digital journal, that touch upon any aspect of the British Empire and its aftermath, then please do send an email to sandip.kana@kcl.ac.uk, with the details of it.
All region archives

The United Nations and Decolonisation
Wilson Center Digital Archive
ProQuest
British Documents on the End of Empire
World Digital Library
Cambridge Digital Library
Royal Commonwealth Society
British Empire and Commonwealth Collection
Office of the Historian
UNESCO
Caribbean
Australia and New Zealand

Parliament of Australia
Trove (Australia)
New Zealand Historical Bills
Papers Past (New Zealand)
Alexander Turnbull Library

National Library of Australia
The University of Auckland Digitised Collections
Digital NZ
Public Record Office Victoria
South Asia
South Asia
South Asia
The Middle East

The Palestinian Museum
The Palestinian Museum Digital Archive

The Palestinian Archive Project

Institute for Palestinian Studies

The Avalon Project - The Middle East

The Palestine Poster Project Archives

Digital Library of the Middle East

British Diplomatic Oral History Programme

Afghanistan Digital Library

King-Crane Commission Digital Collection

ACKU Digital Collection (Afghanistan)
The Middle East
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