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Biography

Prasenjit Duara is the Raffles Professor of Humanities and director of the Asia Research Institute at National University of Singapore. He was born and educated in India; received his PhD in Chinese history from Harvard University; and was previously professor and chair of the Department of History and Chair of the Committee on Chinese Studies at the University of Chicago. In 1988, he published Culture, Power and the State: Rural North China, 1900-1942, which won the Fairbank Prize of the AHA and the Levenson Prize of the AAS, USA. Among his other books are Rescuing History from the Nation (1995), Sovereignty and Authenticity: Manchukuo and the East Asian Modern (2003), an edited volume, Decolonization: Now and Then (2004), and A Companion to Global Historical Thought coedited with Viren Murthy and Andrew Sartori (2014). His work has been widely translated into Chinese, Japanese, Korean, and the European languages. His new book, The Crisis of Global Modernity: Asian Traditions and a Sustainable Future, will be published by Cambridge University Press later this year.