The Professional Lives of Anglo-Indian Working Women in The Twilight of Empire

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Abstract

This article explores the lives of Anglo-Indian women in employment in the late colonial period. In doing so it emphasises the importance of categories in policing the location of Anglo-Indians within the world of the domiciled and the socio-racial hierarchy of the Raj. The experience of Anglo-Indian women who travelled to Africa and the Middle East before and during World War II, helps to demonstrate how selective identification with Britishness and with India contributed to shaping individual lives and identities. The case of military nurses is particularly foregrounded, based on an interview with Florence Watkins in Jubbulpore in 2010.

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British Ruled in India was absolutely disastrous for Indian sub continent, on any parameter that you can use to gauge it: Literature, Religion, Harmony, Education, Economy, Science , Growth or just the basic living. Britishers absolutely crumbled... And the railways laid were largely for the convenience of British as they connected important trade centers to the ports so that they were helped the British export and import easily, and roads were constructed to mobilize the army within India. the population of British citizens living in the British administered U.N. Trust Territory of British Togoland voted in a 58% majority to integrate with an independent Gold Coast.14 Less than a year later, on March 6th, 1957, the independent state of Ghana was created out of the merging of the former British territories of the Gold Coast and British Togoland; Nkrumah became the first Prime Minister.15. The British Empire of the nineteenth century displayed and embodied racism in its composite. In embodying this idea of racial inequality, the Empire created grounds on which it could justify the imperialist actions that it executed throughout the Read Article ». 