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present an illustrated lecture on

Paper Jewels Kolkata Postcards from the Raj

by

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Monday, 10 December 2018, 5.30 pm Victoria Memorial Hall, Eastern Quadrangle

This lecture and slide presentation will focus on early postcards of Kolkata sent abroad, from the work of the publishers Werner Rossler and Thacker Spink and Co. dating to 1897, to the first "Greetings from" cards of the city. The colourful work of Raphael Tuck & Co. and local artist Frank Clinger Scallan will be shown, as well as postcards of the many kinds of people and types in Kolkata at the turn of the century. Major city landmarks will be covered, as well as postcards relevant to the Independence movement. The hill station of Darjeeling will be included, and while the goal will be to share the most beautiful and interesting postcards from the Raj era, attention will also be paid to the technology, business and other factors that led to the rise of the Instagram of its time.

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