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This innovative, multidisciplinary exploration of the unique history of the Andaman Islands as a hunter-gatherer society, colonial penal colony and state-engineered space of settlement and development ranges across the theoretical, conceptual and thematic concerns of history, anthropology and historical geography. Covering the entire period of post-settlement Andaman history, from the first (failed) British occupation of the Islands in the 1790s up to the year 2012, the authors examine imperial histories of expansion and colonization, decolonization, anti-colonialism and nationalism, Japanese occupation, Independence and Partition, migration, commemoration and contemporary issues of Indigenous welfare. *New Histories of the Andaman Islands* offers a new way of thinking about the history of South Asia, and will be thought-provoking reading for scholars of settler colonial societies in other contexts, as well as those engaged in studies of nationalism and post-colonial state formation, ecology, visual cultures and the politics of representation.

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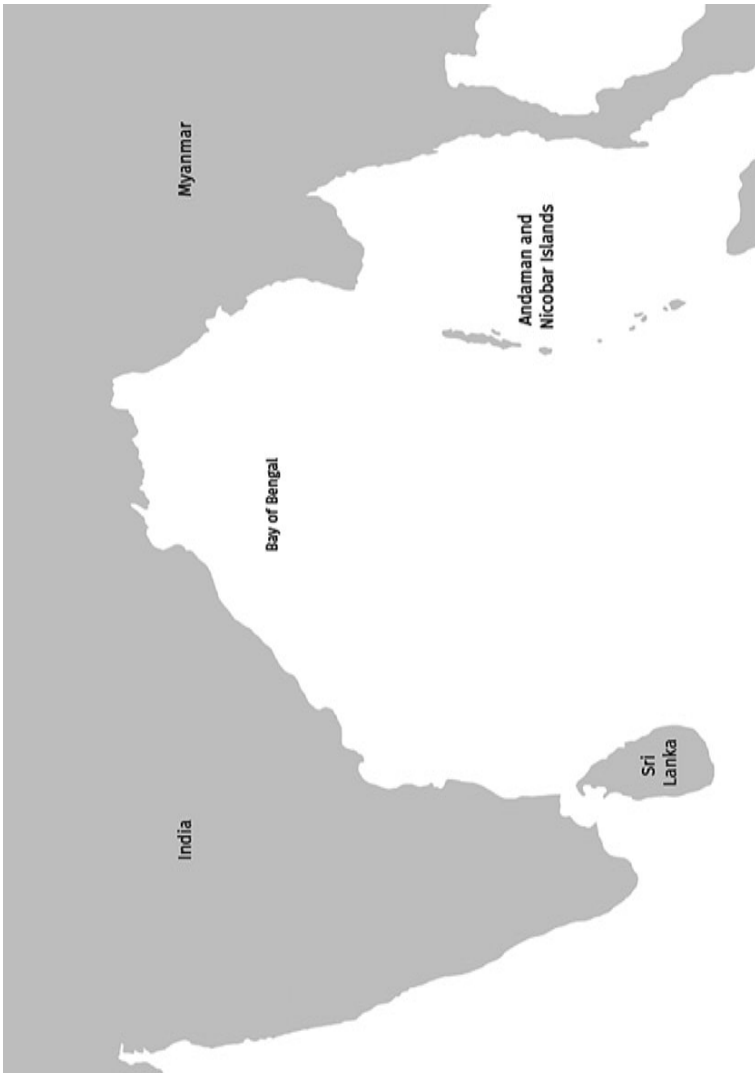
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A&N Archives	Andaman and Nicobar Administration Archives, Secretariat Complex, Port Blair
J&R	Judicial and Revenue
CJML	Cellular Jail Museum Library, Port Blair
CSAS	Centre of South Asian Studies, University of Cambridge
IJC	India Judicial Consultations
IOR	India Office Collections, British Library
NAI	National Archives of India, New Delhi
MLPC	Personal Collection of Mukeshwar Lal
PCKW	Personal Collection of Keith Wilson
RGS	Royal Geographical Society
TNA	The National Archives, Kew
V&A	Victoria & Albert Museum

Abbreviations

AIA	Andaman Indian Association
AA	Andamanian Association
AAJVS	Andaman Adim Janjati Vikas Samiti
IIL	Indian Independence League
INA	Indian National Army
JTR	Jarawa Tribal Reserve
LBA	Local Born Association
OBC	Other Backward Castes

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allamey	heat inducing red clay (Jarawa)
als	narrow pathways along rice fields
atma	spirits
Azad Hind	Free India
Azad Hind Fauj	The Indian National Army founded by Subhas Chandra Bose
balidan kar na	to make a sacrifice
balidan vedi	sacrificial altar
bash	home/abode
bhakt	devotee
bhakti	devotion, faith
bhakti-r pukur	pools of faith
bal jar, bou tar	the assertion that ‘whoever had the strength to take a wife by force could do so’
Bharat	India
bone	light (Jarawa)
boneye	illumination (Jarawa)
chaddha	shelter or a place to reside (Jarawa)
charpoy	bed
Dalit	literally meaning ‘oppressed’, a self-ascribed political name embraced by communities considered ‘untouchables’ within the Hindu caste structure
desh	land, country, native village, etc.
dhobi	washerwoman, often a caste or occupational group in Indian society
durbar	court
Dvadosh Ajna	Twelve Commands
edang	amulet (Jarawa)
enen	outsiders (Jarawa)
Hamari Awaz	Our Voice

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haathe kaam, mukhe naam	a lifelong commitment to work and devotion to the name of Hari or God
Harinam	the name of the Lord
heyolo	forest (Jarawa)
Harimandir	the temple of the Lord
inaka	middle-of-nowhere (Japanese)
Isai Sena	local name for Salvation Army
Jai Hind	Victory to India! A salutation
jaydaad	inherited property
jungle	literally forest dweller but also connotes savage or uncivilized
kaidi	prisoners
kala pani	black waters (Andamans as a place for shameful banishment)
khadee/khari	mangrove creek
khatarnak zindagi	dangerous life
khilafat	literally from ‘khilaf’ (to rebel or go against) but also refers to the Khilafat Movement in India in the early twentieth century, where Indian nationalists expressed solidarity with the movement for the restoration of the sovereign rights of the Islamic caliphate following the defeat of Ottoman Turkey in World War I
kirtans	devotional chants or songs sung by a group of believers
kisans	peasants
kul	lineage
kuchcha	raw or mud-built when referring to houses
kuwey	wild bore/pig (Jarawa)
Lok Sabha	the lower House of the Indian Parliament
maati	soil
machan	scaffolding/platform
malik kashtkar	compound of two terms: ‘malik’, meaning owner or proprietor, and ‘kashtkar’, meaning tenant thus referring to tenant proprietors.
mandir	temple
Mariamman	local mother goddess bearing semblance with the more widely worshipped goddess Durga
Matuas	an anti-caste Hindu sect founded in East Bengal in the late nineteenth century committed to values of egalitarianism, community solidarity and devotion

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Matua Mahasangha	the Matua great congregation
Mazar	commemorative site associated with a holy Muslim individual
mehtars	sweepers
Messcott	from the English word ‘mess’ and ‘kot’ (house): mess house
mitti	soil/clay
Mukti Fauj	another local name for the Salvation Army
Mukti Tirtha	pilgrimage of salvation
muluk	native land, village, country
padas	neighbourhoods
palan poshan	nurturing and upbringing
panchayats	local assemblies or councils
paramananda	eternal bliss, God
patwari	local rural land record holder
peti afsar	petty officer
poribaar	family
pradhan	local village headman
pranam	salutations
punya bhoomi	sacred land
pukka	brick built
purdah	veil/curtain
rashan	ration
ruuh	soul/sprit
Shaheed Dweep	Martyr Island
sahitya	literature
sanskriti	culture
samaj	society
sanads	deeds of occupancy
sepoys	soldiers
shikar	hunting
Shinbun	newspaper (Japanese)
Swaraj Dweep	Self-ruled Islands
sher sahib	derived from ‘tiger’ (sher), to mean European overseer
sikāman	sick man or convict in hospital
talabdar	orderly
tapu	island
tehsil	local administrative unit
tikatliv	ticket-of-leave
tikatwallah	self-supporter

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uppa chaddha	invisible space where dead and spirits live (Jarawa)
utsav	celebration
vigrahas	religious icon
waye-dama	light/heat (Jarawa)
wilpo	thatch/shelter (Jarawa)
zameen	ground/land
zamindar	landlord