

Comrades against Imperialism

In this book Michele L. Louro compiles the debates, introduces the personalities, and reveals the ideas that seeded Jawaharlal Nehru's political vision for India and the wider world. Set between the world wars, this book argues that Nehru's politics reached beyond India in order to fulfill a greater vision of internationalism that was rooted in his experiences with anti-imperialist and anti-fascist mobilizations in the 1920s and 1930s. Using archival sources from India, the United States, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Germany, and Russia, the author offers a compelling study of Nehru's internationalism, and contributes a necessary interwar history of institutions and networks that were confronting imperialist, capitalist, and fascist hegemonies in the twentieth-century world. Louro provides readers with a global intellectual history of anti-imperialism and Nehru's appropriation of it, while also establishing a history of a typically overlooked period.

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For my boys, Logan and Evan

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Note on Text and Transliteration

Because this book is about recovering the history of the interwar period on its own terms, I've tried wherever possible to use the transliteration of the time. The most notable example is the spelling of the Kuomintang Party (rather than Guomindang Party). In some cases, however, I've made an exception for well-known actors such as Mao Zedong (rather than Mao Tse-tung).

Abbreviations

ACLU	American Civil Liberties Union
AICC	All-India Congress Committee
AIFTU	Amsterdam International Federation of Trade Unions
<i>AIR</i>	<i>Anti-Imperialist Review</i>
AITUC	All-India Trade Union Congress
ALIF	American League for India's Freedom
BAWC	British Anti-War Council
BJP	Bharatiya Janata Party
BTUC	British Trade Union Congress
CAGF	Comité contre la Guerre et le Fascisme (Committee against War and Fascism)
CCP	Chinese Communist Party
CNRA	Chinese National Revolutionary Army
CPGB	Communist Party of Great Britain
IASB	International African Service Bureau
ICPP	International Committee for Political Prisoners
IL	India League (London)
ILO	International Labor Organization
ILP	Independent Labour Party (Great Britain)
INC	Indian National Congress
IPC (see also RUP)	International Peace Campaign
ITUC-NW	International Trade Union Committee of Negro Workers
KMT	Kuomintang Party (alternative spelling: Guomindang Party)
LACO	League against Colonial Oppression
LAI	League against Imperialism
LAWF	League against War and Fascism
LP	Labour Party (Great Britain)
LSI	Labour and Socialist International
NACASD	North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy

List of Abbreviations

NKVD	Narodnyi Komissariat Vnutrennikh Del (People's Commissariat for Internal Affairs)
RSS	Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (Universal Rally for Peace)
RUP	Rassemblement universel pour la paix
WIR	Workers International Relief
WPP	Workers' and Peasants' Party (India)