Victoria Memorial Hall cordially invites you to an illustrated lecture on

**New Minds, New Bodies: Bengal and Colonial Geographies**

Speaker

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The lecture highlights, with reference to colonial Bengal, the new general awareness of a relativized geographical position within the literate communities located in a colonial environment. It also focuses on the irony of this new awareness, as the very moment of this awareness is pervaded by a sharp sense of being always in the periphery. This was a ‘colonized’ position, a position that reeked of subjugation and therefore had to be contested. But how were the tools of such contestation to be found? The lecture delves into the various strategies that the Bengali educated elites fashioned in order to grapple with this situation.