

Significant work over colonial imprint on Historiography in Indian context

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Before starting any discussion on the Colonial Historiography of India, we must glance over the situation of historiography during the time period concerned. Over the year's historiography – the scholarly activity of constructing and writing history – of India has undergone many significant changes which can be understood against the background of political and intellectual contexts in which they emerged and flourished.

The 18th and 19th centuries were dominated by the by European scholars who were usually referred to as Orientalists or Indologists but they described themselves as “antiquarians”. Many of them were employees of East India Company and later the British Government and many of them had their reservations about the culture and history of India and tried to present it as inferior to that of Europe.