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A Bombay citizen: How Dadabhai Naoroji shaped, and was shaped by, the Urbs Prima in Indis

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Abstract

This talk will examine Dadabhai Naoroji's links with colonial Bombay, primarily through education, civic engagement, and emerging nationalist politics. Born and educated in Bombay, Naoroji went on to spend nearly five decades of his life abroad in London. But his Bombay youth played a formative role in his career, shaping his brand of politics and his nationalist agenda. Even when away from the city, Naoroji was able to exercise influence upon Bombay's political and educational landscape. I will pay particular attention to education in mid-19th century Bombay and how this influenced Naoroji's advocacy of educational reform in India.

Bio-note

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