

AGNES SMEDLEY AND THE INTIMACIES OF ANTICOLONIAL TRANSNATIONALISM

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This talk examines the life history of Agnes Smedley, an American writer, activist, and anticolonial transnationalist, who engaged extensively with Indian diasporic revolutionaries in the U.S. and Germany, and the Chinese Communist Revolution. This talk traces Smedley's global crossings as a prism for exploring the power of intimacy to the making (and unmaking) of transnational solidarities, while also considering the gendered experiences of revolutionary women like her who were critical to shaping transnational anticolonialism.

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