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## Title

### Politics of Anomaly under the Mandate: Indian Janus-faced Claim-making and Tanganyika, 1914–33

## Date

Tuesday, 2 December 2025

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## Venue

SK 203, Karasuma Campus, Doshisha University  
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## Description

This paper explores Indian claim-making and print culture in the context of former German East Africa, which became the British-mandated territory of Tanganyika after WWI. Drawing on the Tanganyika Indians' petitions to the League of Nations and their newspapers, it reveals how deeply their petitioning was embedded in local and diasporic politics and print culture. In doing so, it uncovers the local, regional, imperial, and transimperial scales of the political and print spheres in which the Tanganyika Indians' claim-making was rooted, as well as the evolutions and fluctuations in their subtle Janus-faced character within anticolonialism.

## Presenter

Tomoki Yamada is a fourth-year PhD student at the College of Arts and Law, University of Birmingham. His research interests include African history, transimperial history, anticolonialism and internationalism. A key focus of his doctoral project is how colonised peoples both inside and outside the mandated territories—such as Togolese, Namibians, Tanganyika Indians and African Americans—petitioned the League of Nations to challenge colonialism across imperial boundaries in the interwar world.



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