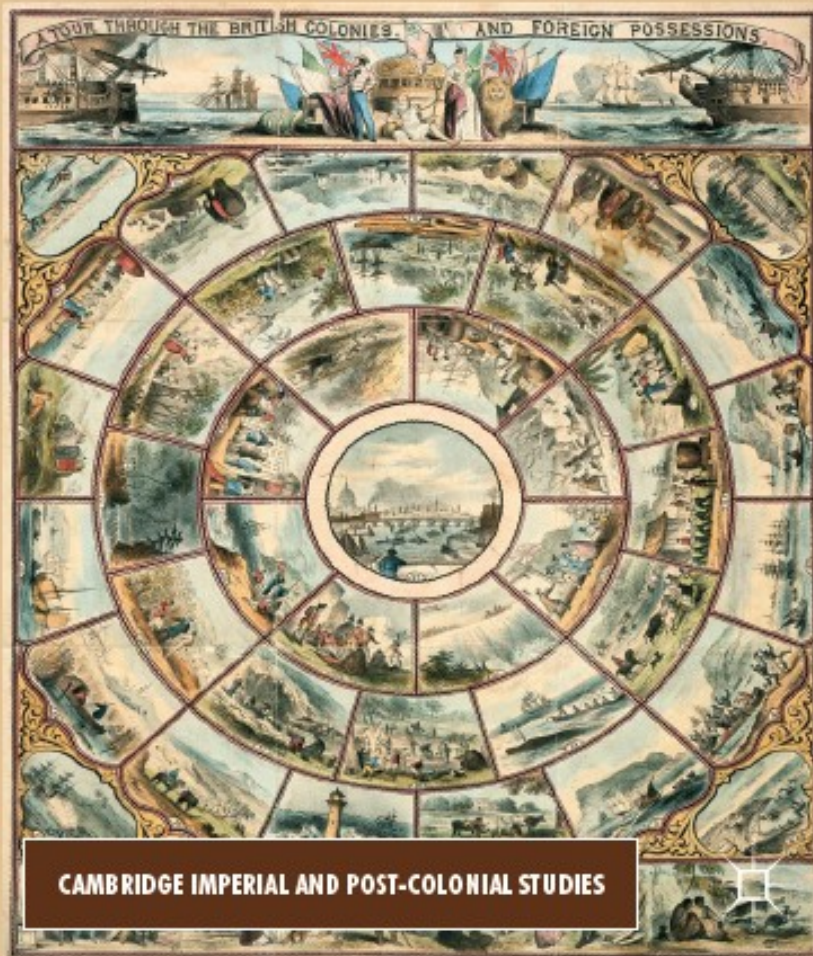


# Empire and Environmental Anxiety

*Health, Science, Art and Conservation in South Asia and Australasia, 1800-1920*

JAMES BEATTIE



Scholars hotly debate the merits of imperialism and its aftermath as we grapple with many of its political and social legacies today.

*In Empire and Environmental Anxiety: Health, Science, Art and Conservation in South Asia and Australasia, 1800-1920*, published by Palgrave Macmillan, Dr James Beattie, Senior Lecturer in History, has written a radical and fascinating new analysis of imperialism and environmental change that promises to re-write interpretations of the British Empire.

The book unearths early concerns about human-induced climate change, soil erosion, and a looming timber famine. It reveals colonial fears about the power of environments – and environmental change – to affect health. It demonstrates imperial concerns at the ugliness of urban environments and attempts at improving their appearance. But it also argues that conservation represented a form of imperial control designed to generate revenue and to enable the more efficient exploitation of resources. Environmental anxiety, it demonstrates, tied together parts of South Asia and Australasia through exchanges of policies, people, plants and ideas.

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