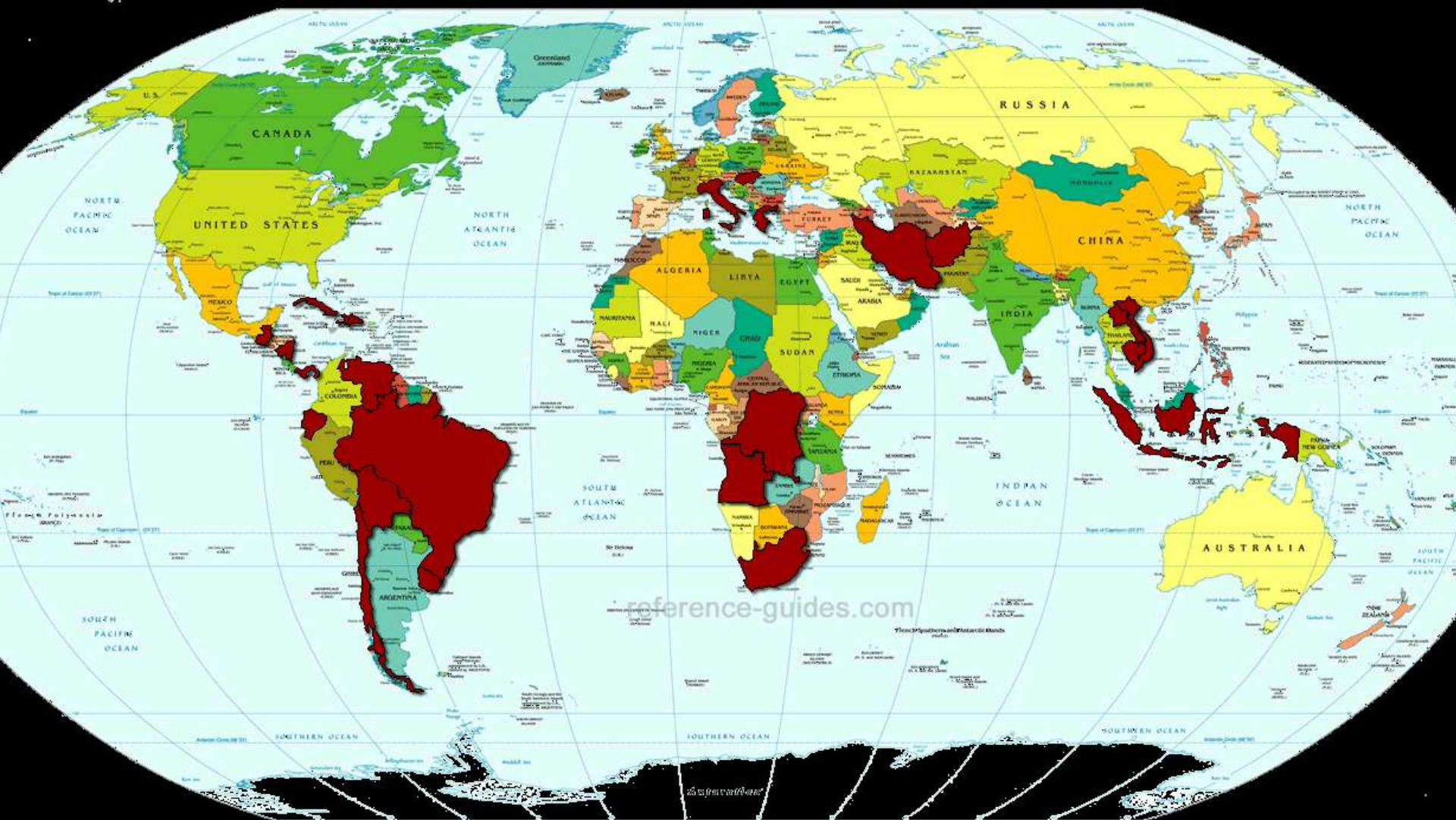




EMPOWERING WOMEN: AN ANALYSIS OF LANGUAGE AND AUTONOMY

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Scope of Study

- Historical accounts
- Orientalist, colonial representations
- Summary and analysis of *The Purple Line* (2012)
- Summary and analysis of *The God of Small Things* (1997)



Gayatri Spivak

- “Can the Subaltern Speak?” (1987)
- Power of ability to speak and be heard
- Subaltern = absolute lowest social status



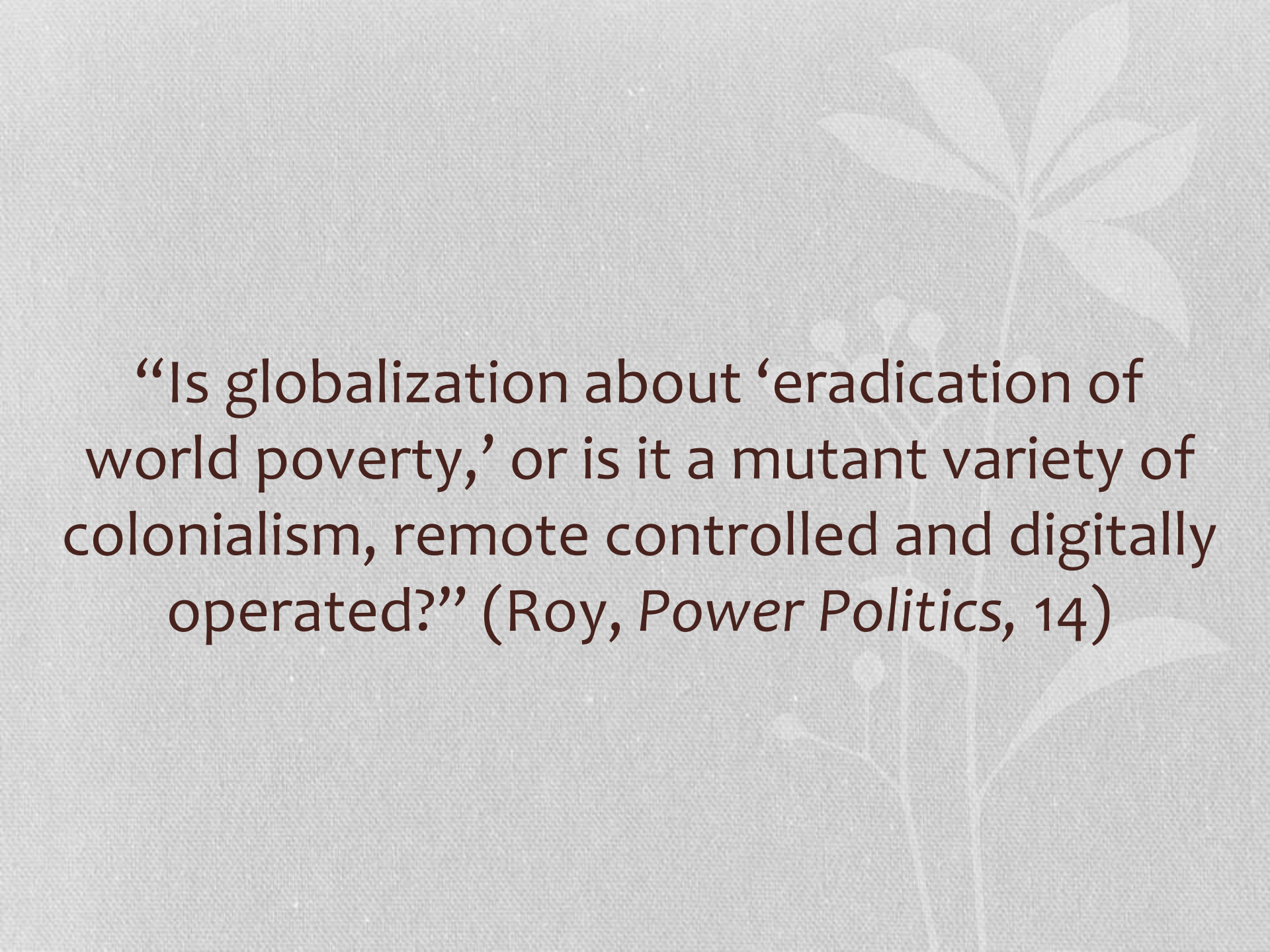
British – Indian History

- Trade and economic development
- Political integration
- Westernized education
- Indoctrination of English language
- Reorganize Indian states



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“Is globalization about ‘eradication of world poverty,’ or is it a mutant variety of colonialism, remote controlled and digitally operated?” (Roy, *Power Politics*, 14)

Orientalist, Colonial Representations



Benjamin Constant. *In the Harem*. (n.d.).



Frederick Arthur Bridgman. *L'Après Midi, Algiers*. (n.d.).

The Purple Line

- Priyamvada Purushotham
- 2012





The God of Small Things

- Arundhati Roy
- 1997





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“The History House”

“But we can’t go in... because we’ve been locked out. And when we look in through the windows, all we see are shadows. And when we try and listen, all we hear is a whispering. And we cannot understand the whispering...” (Roy 52)

“History’s henchmen. Sent to square the books and collect the dues from those who broke its laws. Impelled by feelings that were primal yet paradoxically wholly impersonal. Feelings of contempt born of inchoate, unacknowledged fear – civilization’s fear of nature, men’s fear of women, power’s fear of powerlessness. Man’s subliminal urge to destroy what he could neither subdue or deify” (Roy 292)

Priyamvada N. Purushotham

The Purple Line



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THE GOD OF SMALL THINGS

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