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Dada Amir Haider Khan and the Politics of Revolution

Abstract

This research is part of an on-going project related to the recovery of the life of Dada Amir Haider Khan. This portion consists of collecting archival documents at the British Library in London, and conducting extensive oral histories with his colleagues and friends in Islamabad and Lahore, Pakistan. The methodology draws on approaches in historical anthropology to examine the role and influence of Dada Amir Haider Khan in leftist politics in Pakistan and South Asia in general. Amir Haider Khan was a well-known internationalist whose life and interactions illuminate a cross-section of the global left, and in particular the South Asian left. His memoirs called *Chains to Lose: Life and Struggles of a Revolutionary, Memoirs of Dada Amir Haider Khan* are a vital source of information for the documentation of internationalist history and as a chronicle of the South Asian left.