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Author and UNK History Professor Pradeep Barua presents at Kearney Public Library

University of Nebraska at Kearney Professor Pradeep Barua will discuss his new book, “The Late Colonial Indian Army, From the Afghan Wars to the Second World War” during an event Wednesday, April 13 at 7:00 p.m. at Kearney Public Library, 2020 First Ave.

Dr. Barua examines the Indian Army during the later colonial era from the First Afghan War in 1839 to Indian independence in 1947. During this period, the Indian Army developed from an internal policing force to a frontier army, and then to a conventional Western-style fighting force capable of deployment to overseas theaters. These transitions resulted in significant structural, tactical, and doctrinal changes in the army that would have a dramatic impact upon the post-colonial armies of India and Pakistan.

Pradeep Barua is Professor of History at the University of Nebraska at Kearney. He is the author of several books on South Asia and Military History including *Gentlemen of the Raj*, *The State at War in South Asia*, and *The Military Effectiveness of Post-Colonial States*. This program is free and open to the public.

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