



# The making of modern Kerala

Investigating the digital collection of the newspaper  
*The Svadesabhimani* (Patriot), 1905-1910

Talk by

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The talk will present the social and political issues covered by the famous Malayalam newspaper *The Svadesabhimani* (Patriot), launched by the Muslim intellectual and social reformer, Vakkom Abdul Khader Moulavi (1873-1932), which is being digitized and translated into English for the first time. Placing government accountability to the public as central to its mission, the newspaper shaped a nascent political consciousness, while its analysis and coverage of local, national and international events, reforms and debates helped create a vibrant public sphere, until its forcible suppression by the princely government.

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