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### MISSION STATEMENT

Anti-colonialism emerged in the late 19th century as a critique of European empires and colonial administrations throughout the Third World. The attack on European imperialism grew into a post-World War II program of decolonization that transformed global politics. A narrative of celebratory decolonization spawned a broader program of political and economic change in domestic and international politics. This program insisted on negative portrayals of Western colonialism and encouraged amnesia about non-Western colonialism. It led to Western guilt about colonial pasts, rapturous accounts of decolonization, and utopian claims of post-colonial futures. These militantly anti-colonial ideas have had baleful consequences for democratic development, economic prosperity, and social peace. Today, anti-colonial attitudes continue to constrain policy choices in the former colonial world. Governments in former colonial powers as well as in Anglo-settlement countries face movements seeking to “decolonize” their modern institutions and policies and to debase their historical records. *Problems of Anti-Colonialism* aims to reignite debate through a critical examination of the anti-colonial, decolonizing, and post-colonial projects. It embraces contributions in fields as wide as history, area studies, international relations, political science, comparative development, economics, education, culture, communications, sociology, anthropology, ethics and moral philosophy. By raising questions about the normative and empirical validity of anti-colonialism, the series seeks to stimulate debate and offer new solutions to pressing global problems. In so doing, it invites fresh research into the Western colonial past, the decolonized present, and possibilities for a new colonial future.