

# Glossary

## **Colonial Empire**

A colonial empire is a governing body which rules over territories or countries with the aim of spreading its power and establishing new colonies.

## **Overt**

Something which is done openly and clearly.

## **PoC/People of Colour**

A collective term referring to people who identify as having non-white heritage. In this context it refers specifically to groups and people who have been marginalised by the themes concerned.

## **Unethical Acquisition**

Unethical acquisition refers to obtaining something, such as money, property, or information, in a manner that violates ethical principles or standards. This can include actions that are fraudulent, deceptive, or coercive, as well as those that involve theft, exploitation, or abuse of power. Loot and gifts given to missionaries come under this definition.

## **Loot**

A word taken from the Hindi word 'lut' meaning 'booty' or 'plunder'. These refer to goods that were taken by force or theft during a riot or other violent event, which was done in the British Colonies. Over time, the term "loot" has become more broadly associated with any items that are taken without permission or through dishonest means.

## **Missionaries**

During the colonial period, missionaries were often associated with efforts to spread Christianity and European cultural values to indigenous peoples around the world. Some of these efforts were carried out in ways that involved forced conversion, cultural assimilation, and the suppression of indigenous beliefs and practices. This often resulted in the loss of traditional cultures, languages, and ways of life. They were involved in the colonisation and exploitation of lands and resources, often at the expense of the local population. For example, missionaries sometimes worked closely with colonial authorities to establish schools, hospitals, and other institutions, which were often used to further colonial economic and political interests.