

A Note from the Editors

As the Editors of *Modern Asian Studies*, we are sorry that Professor Sundar¹ is disappointed that Professor Verghese's article, 'British Rule and Tribal Revolts in India',² does not engage with her work in the manner she would have wished. We are in agreement with the reviewers of the article that Verghese sets out a problematic for his study that is posed in a significantly different fashion from Sundar's work. As Verghese explains below³, his line of enquiry emerged from comparative questions that had their origins in the field of political science. These questions address issues that do not easily map onto Sundar's ethno-historical work on Bastar.

Modern Asian Studies, with its explicitly interdisciplinary scope, encourages all its authors to be wide ranging in their critical enquiry and generous with their citations. Nevertheless, it is not always self-evident when an author must engage with a particular body of theory. Nor is it clear that such engagement must be on the terms set by the author of that work.

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¹ Sundar, N. (2017). Letter to the Editors, *Modern Asian Studies* 51:4, pp. 1220–1221, doi: [10.1017/S0026749X17000683](https://doi.org/10.1017/S0026749X17000683).

² Verghese, A. (2016). British Rule and Tribal Revolts in India: The curious case of Bastar, *Modern Asian Studies* 50:5, pp. 1619–1644, doi: [10.1017/S0026749X14000687](https://doi.org/10.1017/S0026749X14000687).

³ Verghese, A. (2017). A Political Scientist Among the Anthropologists, *Modern Asian Studies* 51:4, pp. 1223–1228, doi: [10.1017/S0026749X17000701](https://doi.org/10.1017/S0026749X17000701).