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# **Museums and the Present:**

**Issues of Community, Locality and  
Contextual Relevance**

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*Museums were developed in many parts of the world during the colonial period to 'visualise and objectify' the colonised people and country for the coloniser or to collect and display archaeological material that supported western interests. Following decolonisation, a perception has emerged amongst local communities that these 'colonial' museums are irrelevant to their contemporary concerns. Using models from a variety of countries, Dr Exell argues that museums in post-colonial countries such as India have the opportunity to significantly enrich the lives of their local communities through creative interventions, and to realign these museums with contemporary socio-political concerns.*

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