Today, Dadabhai Naoroji (1825-1917) is primarily identified as an early economic thinker, a leader of the moderate wing of the Congress, and the first Indian elected to the British Parliament. This standard school textbook description, however, does little justice to the “Grand Old Man of India,” who was a far more complex and dynamic individual. During his nearly six decades of active political work, Naoroji laid the foundations for much of the Indian nationalist movement and became a globally recognized anti-imperialist figure. Drawing on over three years of intensive research in India, the United Kingdom, and Ireland, Patel will present a detailed examination of Naoroji’s career and also highlight some unusual finds from the archives.

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Tea will be served from 5.30pm to 5.55pm. Lecture will commence at 6pm sharp.