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## **Front Matter**

Special Issue: The Ghadar Movement

One of the pleasures of editing *Socialist Studies* is the opportunity to publish Special Issues with guest editors on topics, people, or historical events that are often overlooked or forgotten. This issue brings to life and light the Ghadar Movement of the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. “Ghadar” literally means rebellion, but if I were to assign a title to this issue, I would draw from the wonderful introduction by the Guest Editors, Drs Radha D’Souza and Kasim Tirmizey, and name it “Revive, Rethorize, Repoliticize”. This Special Issue revives the Ghadar movement, rethorizes what it meant in historical and theoretical terms for socialist resistance and anticolonial movements, and it calls on us all to repoliticize our own ideas and commitments in light of a time where there is a very real return to authoritarian and fascist politics.

This special issue was initiated by its guest editors and I am indebted to them for their time and commitment to this project. They also assembled a set of contributors who have each enriched our understanding of who and what constituted this internationalist movement.

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