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## Opening Moves: The extraordinary origins of chess

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During Fun & Games, an exhibition about playtime, past and present, The Portico Library hosts an online event with MACFEST on the Indian, Persian and Arab roots of the world's most famous game of strategy. Dr Sushma Jansari is joined in conversation to explore the extraordinary origins of chess.

Dr Sushma Jansari is the Tabor Foundation Curator: South Asia, at the British Museum. Sushma was instrumental in the redevelopment of the British Museum's Sir Joseph Hotung Gallery of China and South Asia which opened in 2017. At present, she is lead curator in the team developing the Manchester Museum South Asia Gallery in partnership with the British Museum (opening 2022). Sushma is also writing a book for UCL Press titled Chandragupta Maurya: the creation of a national hero in India.

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