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Abstract: In 1914, the S.S. *Komagata Maru* left Hong Kong for Vancouver carrying 376 Punjabi migrants. Chartered by railway contractor Gurdit Singh, the ship and its passengers were denied entry into Canada and eventually deported to Calcutta. In Across Oceans of Law Renisa Mawani retells this well-known story of the *Komagata Maru*, drawing on what she terms "oceans as method"—a mode of thinking and writing that repositions land and sea.