

**History 9703B**  
**British Empire, 1875-1960**

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Second Term, Tuesdays 9:30-11:30

Course Description:

History 9703B considers the development of the British Empire from the time that 'imperialism' emerged as an idea until British *imperium* disappeared suddenly, and unexpectedly in the fifteen years after World War Two. It is a reading course. While the legacies of earlier empires are considered, the focus of this course remains on what have been called the 'third' and 'fourth' British Empires (Africa and the Middle East respectively) assembled, organised and dissolved in this period.

Grading:

Participation:	20%
Reviews:	20% X 2
Research Paper:	40%

Description of Graded Items

Participation is an assessment of how effectively a student has participated in class discussions.

Review: while each student will read one book for each class as indicated in the reading list contained within the course outline, twice in the course each student will select a book to formally review. Reviews should be approximately five pages long. Reviews are due on the date that a particular book is to be discussed. Students should be prepared, on that day, to lead discussion concerning the book they have reviewed. Grading will be 'blended', in the sense that it will reflect both the quality of the written submission and the in class presentation.

Research Paper: each student will produce a research paper of approximately 20 pages addressed to the question 'how did it work?'. The focus of the examination will be an imperial system or institution. Papers should contain a significant historiographical component, and use such primary material as is reasonably available. Papers are due on the last day of classes. More guidance will be provided in class.

### Course Outline with Reading Schedule

\*\*\* In preparation for each class ensure that you read one work. All are available in the library.  
Some are available in electronic edition through the library server \*\*\*

#### **Week 1 – Course introduction and Overview**

#### **Week 2 – Why Imperialism?**

- Steven Attridge, *Nationalism, Imperialism, and Identity in Late Victorian Culture* (New York Palgrave, 2003).
- Raymond Betts, *The False Dawn* (Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 1975).
- Lance Davis and Robert Huttenback, *Mammon and the Pursuit of Empire* (Cambridge, 1988).
- Donald Headrick, *The Tools of Empire* (New York: OUP, 1981).
- Duncan Kelly (ed.) , *Lineages of Empire* (Oxford: OUP, 2009).
- Ronald Robertson and John Gallagher, *Africa and the Victorians* (Garden City: New York, 1968).

#### **Week 3 – Imperialists and Sceptics**

- Herman Ausbel, *John Bright. Victorian Reformer* (New York: Wiley, 1966).
- Wilfred Scawen Blunt, *Secret History of the English Occupation of Egypt* (New York: A.A. Knopf, 1922).
- John Hobson, *Imperialism: A Study* (London: Unwin Hyman, 1988).
- Theodore Koditschek, *Liberalism, Imperialism, and the Historical Imagination: Nineteenth-Century Visions of a Greater Britain* (Cambridge: CUP, 2011).
- Steven Lee, *Gladstone and Disraeli* (London: Routledge, 2005).
- Peter Fraser, *Radicalism and Empire, 1868-1914* (London: Cassell, 1966).

#### **Week 4 – African Empire**

- Robert Gregory, *India and East Africa* (London: Clarendon, 1971).
- Ronald Hyman, *Understanding the British Empire* (Cambridge: CUP, 2010).
- Philip Morgan (ed.), *Black Experience and the Empire* (Oxford: OUP, 2004).
- Neil Parsons, *King Khama, Emperor Joe, and the Great White Queen* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1998).
- Bernard Porter, *Critics of Empire: British Radical Attitudes to Colonialism in Africa 1895-1914* (London: MacMillan, 1968).
- Richard Price, *Making Empire* (Cambridge: CUP, 2008).
- Edward Spiers, *The Victorian Soldier in Africa* (Manchester: Manchester University Press, 2004).

#### **Week 5 – Proconsuls**

- Lord Cromer, *Modern Egypt* (London: MacMillan, 1911).
- Lord Lugard, *The Dual Mandate in British Tropical Africa* (Hamden Conn: Archon, 1965).
- Donna McDonald, *Lord Strathcona* (Dundurn: 1996).
- Lord Milner, *England In Egypt* (New York: H. Fertig, 1970).
- Hugh Tinker, *Viceroy Curzon to Mountbatten* (OUP: Karachi, 1997).
- Lord Roberts, *Forty-One Years in India* (London: R. Bentley, 1898).

#### **Week 6 – Imperial Federation to Commonwealth**

- Duncan Bell, *The Idea of Greater Britain* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2007).
- Alfred Deakin, *“And Be One People”* (Carleton South, Vic. Aus: University of Melbourne Press, 1995).
- David Gorman, *Imperial Citizenship: Empire and the Question of Belonging* (Manchester: Manchester University Press, 2006).
- W. David McIntyre, *The Britannica Vision* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2009).

- George Parkin, *Imperial Federation: The Problem of National Unity* (London: Macmillan, 1892).
- Andrew Thompson, *Imperial Britain* (Harlow Essex: Longman, 2000).

### **Week 7 – ‘Britain’s Moment in the Middle East’**

- D.K. Fieldhouse, *Western Imperialism in the Middle East 1914-1958* (Oxford: OUP, 2006).
- Paul Kingston, *Britain and the Politics of Modernization in the Middle East, 1945-1958* (Cambridge: CUP, 1996).
- John Marlowe, *The Seat of Pilate* (London: Cresset, 1959).
- Karl Meyer, *Kingmakers* (New York: Norton, 2008).
- Peter Sluglett, *Britain in Iraq* (London: I.B. Tauris, 2007).
- Bruce Westrate, *The Arab Bureau* (University Park, PA: Penn State University Press, 1992).

### **Week 8 – How Empire?**

- David M. Anderson and David Killingray (eds.), *Policing the Empire: Government, Authority, and Control, 1830-1940* (Manchester: Manchester University Press, 1997).
- David Cannadine, *Ornamentalism* (Oxford: OUP, 2001).
- Randy Kostal, *The Jurisprudence of Empire* (Oxford: OUP, 2008).
- Anthony Kirk-Greene, *Britain’s Imperial Administrators, 1858-1966* (New York: St. Martin’s, 2000).
- Anthony Kirk-Greene, *On Crown Service : a History of HM Colonial and Overseas Civil Services, 1837-1997* (New York: I.B. Taurus, 1997).
- Brock Millman, *British Somaliland: An Administrative History, 1920-1960* (London: Routledge, 2014).
- Anne McClintock, *Imperial Leather* (New York: Routledge, 1995).
- David E. Omissi, *Air power and colonial control : the Royal Air Force, 1919-1939* (Manchester: Manchester University Press, 1990).

## **Week 9 – Superpower, Liberal Empire or Commonwealth?**

- Corelli Barnett, *The Collapse of British Power* (Atlantic Highland NJ: Humanities International Press, 1991).
- Max Beloff, *Imperial Sunset* (London: Macmillan, 1987).
- Anthony Clayton, *The British Empire as Superpower, 1919-1939* (London: Macmillan, 1986).
- Roderick Cavaliero, *Strangers in the Land: the Rise and Decline of the British Indian Empire* (London: I.B. Tauris, 2002).
- William Lewis, *In the Name of God, Go! : Leo Amery and the British Empire in the Age of Churchill* (New York: W.W. Norton, 1992).
- John Charmley, *Lord Lloyd and the Decline of the British Empire* (London: Weidenfeld and Nicolson, 1987).
- Clyde Sanger, *Malcolm Macdonald: Bringing an End to Empire* (Montreal: McGill Queens, 1997).

## **Week 10 – Gravediggers**

- Nigel Ashton, *Eisenhower, Macmillan, and the Problem of Nasser* (New York: St. Martin's 1996).
- Susan Carruthers, *Winning Hearts and Minds* (New York: University of Leicester Press, 1995).
- Giveon Cornfield, *Zion Liberated* (Malibu: Pangloss Press, 1990).
- Elizabeth Monroe, *Philby of Arabia*, (London: Faber and Faber, 1973).
- Kate O'Malley, *Ireland, India and Empire : Indo-Irish Radical Connections, 1919-1964* (Manchester: Manchester University Press, 2008).
- G.B Singh, *Gandhi: Behind the Mask of Divinity* (Amherst NY: Prometheus Books, 2004).
- A.P. Thornton, *The Imperial Ideal and Its Enemies* (London: Macmillan, 1985).

## **Week 11 – Collapse**

- David Boyce, *Decolonisation and the British Empire, 1775-1997* (New York: St. Martin's 1999).
- M.E. Chamberlain, *Decolonization. The Fall of the European Empires* (London: Blackwell, 1999).
- Larry Collins and Dominique Lapierre, *Freedom at Midnight* (New York: Simon and Schuster, 1975).
- Stephen Galpern, *Money, Oil, and Empire in the Middle East: Sterling and Postwar Imperialism, 1944-1971* (Cambridge: CUP, 2009).
- Ronald Hyman, *Britain's Declining Empire* (Cambridge: CUP, 2006).
- Richie Ovendale, *Britain, the United States and the Transfer of Power in the Middle East, 1945-1962* (New York: Leicester University Press, 1996).
- Trevor Royle, *Winds of Change* (London: John Murray, 1996).

### **Week 12 – Legacy**

- Chinua Achebe, *Things Fall Apart* (London: Heineman, 1966).
- George Drower, *Britain's Dependent Territories* (Brookfield VT: Dartmouth, 1992).
- John Hatchard, Muna Ndulo, Peter Slinn, *Comparative Constitutionalism and Good Governance in the Commonwealth An Eastern and Southern African Perspective* (Cambridge: CUP, 2004).
- James Mayall and Anthony Payne (eds.), *The Fallacies of Hope* (Manchester: University of Manchester Press, 1991).
- V.S. Naipaul, *Among the Believers* (London: Andre Deutsch, 1981).
- Edward Said, *Orientalism* (New York: Vintage Books, 1979).