

THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

HIS 9830 A
Colonialism in the 19th and 20th Centuries

Room: Stevenson Hall 3166

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"Mrs. Wilkins teaching an Igorotte boy the cakewalk"

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2. Course Description

This course examines the history of modern era colonialism and its legacies in a comparative fashion. It utilizes case-studies from various European colonial empires as well as Japan, and the United States, draws on multi-disciplinary insights from fields such as history, sociology, geography, and anthropology, and explores the political, economic, military, social, cultural, intellectual, and environmental dimensions of colonialism.

This course is designed as an exercise in global history. It will cover a wide range of subjects in multiple world regions and will give agency to colonizers and colonized alike and emphasize the entangled nature and transnational character of the colonial experience. As such the readings will underline the multiple connections and transfers between empires, explore the mutual impact of the colonial experience on the colonies and the imperial centers, and evaluate the enduring legacies of modern colonialism. The following themes will be analyzed:

- theories of colonialism
- colonial state-formation (i.e. administrative types, legal frameworks)
- varieties of the colonial economy (i.e. labor migration, industrial education)
- colonial societies (i.e. bureaucracies, agents of colonialism, local elites)
- the functions of race and gender in the colonial experience (i.e. citizenship and race, masculinity and empire, and the colonial 'gaze')
- colonial war and anti-colonial resistance
- the colonial imagination and the imperial centre (i.e. expositions, museums, and commodity culture)
- colonial social-engineering (i.e. medicine, urban planning, infrastructure)
- colonialism and nature (i.e. zoos, environmentalist thought)
- colonialism transnational (i.e. inter-imperial and intra-imperial transfers)
- colonial legacies (i.e. current debates over restitutions, apologies, and economic disparities)

3. Readings

a) Required for the Course

BALLANTYNE, Tony, Antoinette Burton, *Empires and the Reach of the Global 1870-1945* (Cambridge, MA : Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 2014).

OSTERHAMMEL, Jürgen, *Colonialism. A Theoretical Overview* (Princeton, NJ: Markus Wiener Publishers, 2009).

STREETS-SALTER, Heather, Trevor R. Getz, *Empires and Colonies in the Modern World* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2016).

b) Further Readings:

ADAS, Michael, *Machines as the Measure of Men. Science, Technology, and Ideologies of Western Dominance* (Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 1990).

ALDRICH, Robert, *Vestiges of the Colonial Empire in France. Monuments, Museums and Colonial Memories* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2005).

BEN-GHIAT, Ruth, Mia Fuller (Eds.), *Italian Colonialism* (New York: Palgrave, 2005).

CANNADINE, David, *Ornamentalism. How the British Saw their Empire* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2001).

COOMBES, Annie E., *Rethinking Settler Colonialism. History and Memory in Australia, Canada, Aotearoa, New Zealand, and South Africa* (Manchester: Manchester University Press, 2005).

COOPER, Frederick, Ann Laura Stoler (Eds.), *Tensions of Empire. Colonial Cultures in a Bourgeois World* (Berkeley, CA: University of California Press, 1997).

DIRKS, Nicholas B. (Ed.), *Colonialism and Culture* (Ann Arbor, MI: University of Michigan Press, 1992).

DRIVER, Felix, David Gilbert (Eds.), *Imperial Cities. Landscape, Display, and Identity* (Manchester: Manchester University Press, 2003).

FIELDHOUSE, D.K., *The Colonial Empires. A Comparative Survey from the Eighteenth Century* (New York: Delacorte Press, 1967).

FIELDHOUSE, D.K., *Colonialism 1870-1945. An Introduction* (London: Weidenfeld and Nicolson, 1981).

FORUM, "The German Colonial Imagination", in: *German History* 26:2, 251-271.

FRIEDRICHSMEYER, Sara, Sara Lennox, Susanne Zantop (Eds.), *The Imperialist Imagination. German Colonialism and Its Legacies* (Ann Arbor, MI: University of Michigan Press, 1999).

FULLER, Mia, *Moderns Abroad: Italian Colonial Architecture and Urbanism* (New York: Routledge, 2007).

- GO, Julian, *American Empire and the Politics of Meaning. Elite Political Cultures in the Philippines and Puerto Rico during U.S. Colonialism* (Durham, NC: Duke University Press, 2008).
- GO, Julian, Anne L. Foster (Eds.), *The American Colonial State in the Philippines. Global Perspectives* (Durham, NC: Duke University Press, 2003).
- GORMAN, Daniel, *Imperial Citizenship. Empire and the Question of Belonging* (Manchester: Manchester University Press, 2007).
- HEADRICK, Daniel R., *The Tools of Empire. Technology and Imperialism in the Nineteenth Century* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1981).
- KIERNAN, V.G., *Colonial Empires and Armies, 1815-1960* (Montreal/Kingston: McGill-Queen's University Press, 1998).
- KIRBY, Diane, Catherine Coleborne (Eds.), *Law, History, and Colonialism. The Reach of Empire* (Manchester: Manchester University Press, 2002).
- MACKENZIE, John M., *Imperialism and Popular Culture* (Manchester: Manchester University Press, 1989).
- MCCLINTOCK, Anne, *Imperial Leather: Race, Gender, and Sexuality in the Colonial Conquest* (London: Routledge, 1995).
- MIDGLEY, Claire, *Gender and Imperialism* (Manchester: Manchester University Press, 1998).
- MOSES, Dirk, Dan Stone (Eds.), *Colonialism and Genocide* (London: Routledge, 2007).
- STEINMETZ, George, *The Devil's Handwriting. Precoloniality and the German Colonial State in Qingdao, Samoa, and Southwest Africa* (Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 2007).
- VERACINI, Lorenzo, *Settler Colonialism - A Theoretical Overview* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2010).
- ZIMMERMANN, Andrew, "A German Alabama in Africa: The Tuskegee Expedition to German Togo and the Transnational Origins of West African Cotton Growers", in: *American Historical Review* 110 (2005), 1362-1398.

c) Background Reading (for quick orientation)

- ALDRICH, Robert (ed.), *The Age of Empires* (London: Thames and Hudson, 2007).
- BENJAMIN, Thomas (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Western Colonialism since 1450* (Farmington Hills, MI: MacMillan, 2007).
- EMPIRE ONLINE, Digital Resource by Adam Matthew Digital at:
<http://www.empire.amdigital.co.uk/introduction/index.aspx>
- HODGE, Carl C. (Ed.), *Encyclopaedia of the Age of Imperialism, 1800-1914* (Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 2008).
- PAGE, Melvin E. (Ed.), *Colonialism: An International, Social, Cultural, and Political Encyclopaedia* (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-Clio, 2003).

4. Evaluation

The final grade for this course is based on the accumulated results of two assignments and the participation grade.

Presentation: 25%
 Essay: 50%
 Participation: 25%

1. Presentation

You will serve as co-moderator for one session. This assignment encompasses a 20 minute presentation. You should develop a coherent analysis of the week's topic. Your presentation can utilize PowerPoint. Include visuals and provide a handout with timeline, important events, and core arguments. Develop questions for further discussion.

2. Essay

You are expected to write a research essay of approx. 20pp for this course on a topic mutually agreed upon. Papers will be double-spaced and printed in standard size font (i.e. Times New Roman 12pt) with standard margins. Please do not forget to spell-check your paper and number your pages. **The essay is due Friday December 8 in class.**

3. Participation

The success of the seminar depends on your full completion of the assigned readings, your prepared attendance, and your active participation.

5. Course Organization

September 8 Introduction

September 15 Conceptual Horizons - I

BALLANTYNE, Tony, Antoinette Burton, *Empires and the Reach of the Global 1870-1945* (Cambridge, MA : Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 2014).

KOHN, Margaret, "Colonialism", in: *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy (Spring 2014 Edition)*, Edward N. Zalta (ed.), online:
<http://plato.stanford.edu/archives/spr2014/entries/colonialism/>

September 22 Conceptual Horizons - II

OSTERHAMMEL, Juergen, *Colonialism. A Theoretical Overview* (Princeton: Markus Wiener Publishers, 2005 2nd ed.).

STOLER, Ann Laura, Frederick Cooper, "Between Metropole and Colony: Rethinking a Research Agenda", in: Frederick Cooper, Ann Laura Stoler (eds.), *Tensions of Empire. Colonial Cultures in a Bourgeois World* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1997), 1-56, online.

September 29 Colonial State & Society

GO, Julian, The Provinciality of American Empire: 'Liberal Exceptionalism' and U.S. Colonial Rule", in: *Comparative Studies in Society and History* 49:1 (2007), 74-108, online.

PROTSCHKY, Susie, "The Colonial Table: Food, Culture, and Dutch Identity in Colonial Indonesia", in: *Australian Journal of Politics & History* 54:3 (2008), 346-357, online.

STEINMETZ, George, "The Colonial State as a Social Field: Ethnographic Capital and Native Policy in the German Overseas Empire before 1914", in: *American Sociological Review* 73:4 (2008), 589-612, online.

STREETS-SALTER, Heather, Trevor R. Getz, *Empires and Colonies in the Modern World* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2016), chapters 9, 10, 11, 12, 13.

October 6 Colonial War & Technologies of Rule

KRAMER, Paul, "Race-Making and Colonial Violence in the U.S. Empire: The Philippine-American War as Race War", in: *Diplomatic History* 30:2 (2006), 169-210, online.

RYAN, Lyndall, "Massacre in the Black War in Tasmania, 1823-1834: a Case Study of the Meander River Region, June 1827", in: *Journal of Genocide Research* 10:4 (2008), 479-499, online.

THOMAS, Martin, "Colonial States as Intelligence States: Security Policing and the Limits of Colonial Rule in France's Muslim Territories, 1920-40", in: *Journal of Strategic Studies* 28:6 (2005): 1033-1060, online.

SMITH, Iain R., Andreas Stucki, "The Colonial Development of Concentration Camps (1868-1902)", in: *Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History* 39:3 (September 2011): 417-437, online.

WOLFE, Patrick, "Settler Colonialism and the Elimination of the Native", in: *Journal of Genocide Research* 8:4 (December 2006), 387-409, online.

October 20 Race, Gender, and the Colonial Experience

- BALLANTYNE, Tony, "Race and the Webs of Empire: Aryanism from India to the Pacific", in: *Journal of Colonialism and Colonial History* 2:3 (Winter 2001): 1-35, online.
- CAMPBELL, Chloe, *Race and Empire. Eugenics in Colonial Kenya* (Manchester: Manchester University Press, 2007).
- CONKLIN, Alice L., "Redefining 'Frenchness': Citizenship, Race Regeneration, and Imperial Motherhood in France and West Africa, 1914-1940", in: Julia Clancy-Smith, Frances Gouda (eds.), *Domesticating the Empire. Race, Gender, and Family Life in French and Dutch Colonialism* (Charlottesville, VA: The University Press of Virginia, 1998), 65-83.
- McCLINTOCK, Anne, *Imperial Leather: Race, Gender, and Sexuality in the Colonial Contest* (London: Routledge, 1995), online.

October 27 Gender, Sexuality, and the Colonial Experience

- ALDRICH, Robert, *Colonialism and Homosexuality* (London: Routledge, 2003).
- ANDERSON, Warwick, "The Trespass Speaks: White Masculinity and Colonial Breakdown", in: *American Historical Review* 102:5 (December 1997), 1343-1370, online.
- FREEMAN, Victoria, "Attitudes towards 'Miscegenation' in Canada, the United States, New Zealand, and Australia, 1860-1914", in: *Native Studies Review* 16:1 (2005), 41-69, online.
- KRAMER, Paul A., "The Darkness that Enters the Home: The Politics of Prostitution during the Philippine-American War", in: Ann Laura Stoler (ed.), *Haunted by Empire. Geographies of Intimacy in North American History* (Durham, NC: Duke University Press, 2006), 366-404.
- WALTER, Daniel J., "Gender Construction and Settler Colonialism in German Southwest Africa, 1894-1914", in: *Historian* 66:1 (2004), 1-18, online.

November 3 The Colonial Imagination

- ATKINSON, David, "Geographical Knowledge and Scientific Survey in the Construction of Italian Libya", in: *Modern Italy* 8:1 (2003), 9-29, online.
- BARCLAY, Paul D., "Peddling Postcards and Selling Empire: Image-Making in Taiwan under Japanese Colonial Rule", in: *Japanese Studies* 30:1 (May 2010), 81-110, online.
- FORUM, "The German Colonial Imagination", in: *German History* 26:2, 251-271, online.
- HALE, Dana S., *Races on Display. French Representations of Colonized Peoples, 1886-1940* (Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press, 2008).
- LEVINE, Philippa, "States of Undress: Nakedness and the Colonial Imagination", in: *Victorian Studies* 50:2 (2008), 189-219, online.
- SEBRING, Ellen, "Civilization and Barbarism. Cartoon Commentary & 'The White Man's Burden' (1898-1902)", MIT Visualizing Cultures, at:

http://ocw.mit.edu/ans7870/21f/21f.027/civilization_and_barbarism/cb_essay01.html

November 10 Technology, Urban Planning, and Social Engineering

ADAS, Michael, *Machines as the Measure of Men: Science, Technology, and Ideologies of Western Dominance* (Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 1992).

ADAS, Michael, *Dominance by Design. Technological Imperatives and America's Civilizing Mission* (Cambridge, MA: Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 2006), chapter 3 "Engineers' Imperialism", 129-184.

BIGON, Laura, "Urban Planning, Colonial Doctrines, and Street Naming in French Dakar and British Lagos, c. 1850-1930", in: *Urban History* 36:3 (2009), 426-448, online.

BRODY, David, "Building Empire: Architecture and American Imperialism in the Philippines", in: *Journal of Asian American Studies* 4:2 (2001), 123-145, online.

HENRY, Todd, "Sanitizing Empire: Japanese Articulations of Korean Otherness and the Construction of Early Colonial Seoul, 1905-1919", in: *Journal of Asian Studies* 64:3 (August 2005), 639-675, online.

November 17 Colonialism, Science & Nature

CROZIER, Anna, "Sensationalising Africa: British Medical Impressions of Sub-Saharan Africa, 1890-1939", in: *Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History* 35:3 (2007), 393-415, online.

FORD, Caroline, "Reforestation, Landscape Conservation, and the Anxieties of Empire in French Colonial Algeria", in: *American Historical Review* 113:2 (2008), 341-362, online.

KELLER, Richard, "Madness and Colonization: Psychiatry in the British and French Empires, 1800-1962", in: *Journal of Social History* 35:2 (2001), 295-326, online.

McCOY, Alfred W., Francisco A. Scarano (eds.), *Colonial Crucible. Empire in the Making of the Modern American State* (Madison, WI: University of Wisconsin Press, 2009), Part 5 "Imperial Medicine and Public Health" (pp. 273-328).

McCOY, Alfred W., Francisco A. Scarano (eds.), *Colonial Crucible. Empire in the Making of the Modern American State* (Madison, WI: University of Wisconsin Press, 2009), Part 8 "Environmental Management" (pp. 475-522).

PROTSCHKY, Susie, "Seductive Landscapes: Gender, Race and European Representations of Nature in the Dutch East Indies during the Late Colonial Period", in: *Gender and History* 20:2 (2008), 372-398, online.

November 24 Colonialism Transnational

BARCLAY, Paul, "‘They Have for the Coast Dwellers a Traditional Hatred’: Governing Igorots in Northern Luzon and Central Taiwan, 1895-1915", in: Julian Go, Anne L. Foster (eds.), *The American Colonial State in the Philippines. Global Perspectives* (Durham, NC: Duke University Press, 2003), 217-255.

LINDNER, Ulrike, "Transnational Movements between Colonial Empires: Migrant Workers from the British Cape Colony in the German Diamond Town of Luderitzbucht", in: *European Review of History* 16:5 (October 2009), 679-695, online.

METCALF, Thomas R., "From One Empire to Another: The Influence of the British Raj on American Colonialism in the Philippines", in: *Ab Imperio* 3 (2012): 25-41, online.

SCHUMACHER, Frank, "Embedded Empire: The United States and Colonialism", in: *Journal of Modern European History* 14:2 (2016): 202-224, online.

ZIMMERMAN, Andrew, *Alabama in Africa: Booker T. Washington, the German Empire, and the Globalization of the New South* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2010)

December 1 Colonial Legacies

ALDRICH, Robert, *Vestiges of the Colonial Empire in France: Monuments, Museums, and Colonial Memories* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2005).

CAMPOS, Angela, "‘We are still ashamed of our own history’: Interviewing Ex-Combatants of the Portuguese Colonial War (1961-1974)", in: *Lusotopie* 15:2 (2008), 107-126, online.

ELDRIGE, Claire, "‘We’ve Never had a Voice’: Memory Construction and the Children of the ‘Harkis’ (1962-1991)", in: *French History* 23:1 (2009), 88-107, online.

GERWARTH, Robert, Stephan Malinowski, "Hanna Arendt’s Ghost: Reflections on the Disputable Path from Windhoek to Auschwitz", in: *Central European History* 42:2 (June 2009): 279-300, online.

HENNEBERG, Krystyna von, "Monuments, Public Space, and the Memory of Empire in Modern Italy", in: *History & Memory* 16:1 (2004), 37-85, online.

STEINMETZ, George, Hell, Julia, "The Visual Archive of Colonialism: Germany and Namibia", in: *Public Culture* 18:1 (2006), 147-183, online.

December 8 Seminar Review