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Forms, Questions, Prospects

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THURSDAY 12 MAY 2022

| 8:30 – 9:00 | **WELCOME AND REGISTRATION**

| 9:00 – 9:15 | **INTRODUCTORY REMARKS**

CYRUS **SCHAYEGH**, Geneva Graduate Institute

IRINA **DU BOIS**, Pierre du Bois Foundation

| 9:15 – 10:30 | **KEYNOTE LECTURE**

LOUISE **YOUNG**, University of Wisconsin-Madison

→ Now You See It, Now You Don't: Changing Sightlines on the Japanese Empire

| 10:45 – 12:15 | **PANEL 1 – HISTORIOGRAPHICAL AND CONCEPTUAL REFLECTIONS**

NADIN **HEÉ**, Osaka University

→ Materiality, Space, and Time in Transimperial Histories

VÉRONIQUE **DIMIER**, Université Libre de Bruxelles

→ From Colonial to Post-Colonial Comparisons

PAUL **KRAMER**, Vanderbilt University

→ The Prospects of Inter-Imperial History: The Case of the Modern United States in the World

| 13:15 – 15:00 | **PANEL 2 – REGIONS**

NICOLE **CUUNJIENG ABOITIZ**, Cambridge University

→ The Overlapping 'Regional' and 'Transimperial' at the Turn of the Twentieth Century in Southeast Asia

ANNE-ISABELLE **RICHARD**, Leiden University

→ Interwar European Cooperation, Global, Transimperial, Regional Approaches?

ALEXEY **MILLER**, St. Petersburg University

→ Competition, Cooperation, Restraint and Interconnectedness in a Macro-System of Continental Empires

HARALD **FISCHER-TINÉ**, ETH Zurich

→ Clash of Empires or Changing of the Guard? American Influence and Involvement in British India c. 1900–1940

| 15:30 – 17:15 | **PANEL 3 – ECONOMY**

MARC-WILLIAM **PALEN**, University of Exeter

→ Economic ideologies and Transimperialism: Friedrich List's National System (1841) as Case Study

MORITZ **VON BRESCIUS**, Harvard University

→ Ficus Elastica: The Global Pathways of a Failed Plantation Crop

ULRIKE **VON HIRSCHHAUSEN**, University of Rostock

→ Niches of Semi-coloniality: Yu Xiaqing in Shanghai 1880–1930

JIAJIA **LIU**, Geneva Graduate Institute

→ Financial Capitalism on the Periphery: The Shanghai Stock Market Bubble of 1910

FRIDAY 13 MAY 2022

| 9:00 – 10:30 | **PANEL 4 – LABOR(ERS) AND MERCHANTS**

M'HAMED OUALDI, Sciences Po Paris

- What the Demise of Slavery in Modern North Africa Tells Us about Transimperial Histories in the Modern Mediterranean

ALEXANDER KEESE, Université de Genève

- The Years When Everything Seemed Possible: The Second World War in Sub-Saharan Africa as an Inter-imperial Laboratory in Exploitation, 1940–45

CHRISTOF DEJUNG, University of Bern

- Spinning the Wheels of Commerce: Mercantile Elites and the Making of Global Markets

| 10:45 – 12:15 | **PANEL 5 – SETTLERS AND AGRICULTURE**

PETER LAVELLE, Temple University

- Overseas Labor Migration and the Chinese Colonial Imagination

MARTIN DUSINBERRE, University of Zurich

- Reconciling Japanese-Indigenous Histories in the Imperial Pacific World

MONA BIELING, Geneva Graduate Institute

- Hebrew University's Botanical Gardens: a Source in Scientific Knowledge Creation in Mandatory Palestine

| 13:15 – 15:00 | **PANEL 6 – WAR AND VIOLENCE**

ALEXANDER MORRISON, University of Oxford

- 'Agir à l'anglaise' – Britain, France and Russia in the Imperial Mirror, 1814–1914

VLADIMIR HAMED-TROYANSKY, University of California, Santa Barbara

- Migration and Violence in the Russo-Ottoman Borderlands

DANIEL HEDINGER, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München

- The Second World War: A Transimperial History?

MARTIN THOMAS, University of Exeter

- Insurgent Partners? Imperialist Networks of Influence in 1960s Algeria, Biafra, and Portuguese Africa

| 15:30 – 17:00 | **PANEL 7 – RACE**

ULRIKE LINDNER, Universität zu Köln

- Racist Thought as Basic Element of Co-operation between Fin-de-siècle Empires: Scope and Limits

PATRICK BERNHARD, University of Oslo

- Libya in Poland and Palestine: Fascism's Imperial Biopolitics and Its International Imprint

EILEEN RYAN, Temple University

- Troubling the Italian Color Line under the Fascist Race Laws

SATURDAY 14 MAY 2022

| 9:30 – 11:15 | **PANEL 8 – KNOWLEDGE**

NILE GREEN, University of California, Los Angeles

- Translating Confucius for the Indian Reading Public: A Case-Study in Cummensurability

DAMIANO MATASCI, Université de Genève

- Inter-imperial Institutions and Scientific Cooperation in Late Colonial Africa

DANIEL LAQUA, Northumbria University

- University Students as Subjects and Actors of Transimperial History: A Case Study

MIGUEL BANDEIRA JERÓNIMO, Universidade de Coimbra

- The Politics of Interimperial Exchanges: Contexts, Actors, Dynamics (1940s–1960s)

| 12:30 – 14:15 | **PANEL 9 – LAW**

JENNY DAY, Skidmore College

- Political Crimes and International Law in Modern China, 1840–1937

LALE CAN, City University of New York

- Caliphate of Difference: Foreign Muslims and Differentiated Rights in the Late Ottoman Empire

FLORIAN WAGNER, Universität Erfurt

- Global Islam and the Law of Empire: Imperial Emulation and the Role of 'Indigenous' Knowledge (1890s–1920s)

ANNA DIEM, Geneva Graduate Institute

- At the Crossroads of Crumbling Empires: Contending Languages of Legitimation in Egyptian Politics in Exile in the Early Twentieth Century

| 15:00 – 16:45 | **PANEL 10 – NATION(ALISM)S**

RONALD GRIGOR SUNY, University of Michigan

- Logics of Nations and Empires: From Definitions to Explanations

SHELLEN X. WU, The University of Tennessee Knoxville

- Bringing Back Empire in the Age of the Nation-State

LEYLA AMZI-ERDOGDULAR, Rutgers University

- Afterlives of Empire: Post-Ottoman Muslims in Southeastern Europe

DAVID MOTZAFI-HALLER, Geneva Graduate Institute

- Light onto the Nations: The Phantom Pains of Empire Captured in Israeli Family Photography

| 16:45 – 17:15 | **CONCLUDING PLENARY DISCUSSION**