Empire State of Mind: Articulations of British Culture in the Empire, 1707-1997

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**Session 1A: Britishness, Transportation Technology & Modernization**

Chair: Andrew Muldoon *(Metropolitan State College of Denver, USA)*

Limits of Collaboration: the British Loans, the Qing State-building Project and the Chinese Railways, 1905-1911

*Koji Hirata (University of Toyko, Japan)*

The Public Education Programmes of Imperial Airways and BOAC: the Impact of Aviation on Perceptions of the British Empire before 1960

*Scott Anthony (University of Cambridge, United Kingdom)*

Passages to India: Suez, the Overland Route and British-French Interdependency, 1840-1870

*James R. Fichter (Lingnan University, Hong Kong)*

The Chinese Maritime Customs Service, Maritime Scholarship and the Treaty Port World

*Donna Brunero*

**Session 1B: Media & Britishness**

Chair: Michelle Tusan *(University of Nevada, Las Vegas, USA)*

The Mantle of Tamerlane: Russia and the Russians in *Punch* and Parliament during the Great Game and the Cold War

*Colin Sargent (Northeastern University, USA)*

Media, Game and Imperial Identity: the *South China Morning Post* and Lawn Bowls in Hong Kong

*Zou Yizheng (Lingnan University, Hong Kong)*

Telegraphy and the (Re)Making of a News Culture in Colonial India

*Amelia Bonea (University of Heidelberg, Germany)*

'Singing Some Song of Our Mother Country': Gender and Nation on the BBC Empire Service, 1932-47

*Emma Robertson (Sheffield Hallam University, United Kingdom)*
### Session 1C: Cultures of Law & Reform

**Chair:** Lau Chi-pang *(Lingnan University, Hong Kong)*

'A Dominion in Trust': Protecting Animals in Nineteenth Century Tasmania  
**Stefan Petrow** *(University of Tasmania, Australia)*

Reparations Claims in Hong Kong 1945-1948: What Does the Policy Response to Japanese Industrial Looting Demonstrate about British Post-war Priorities?  
**Rohan Price** *(University of Tasmania, Australia)*

'The Apostle of Rural Reform and Imperial Destiny': William Lane, English Ruralism and the 'New Australia' Settlers in Paraguay  
**Antony Taylor** *(Sheffield Hallam University, United Kingdom)*

Empire's Haunted State of Mind: Harriet Gore Browne's Narrative Skeleton  
**Charlotte Macdonald** *(Victoria University of Wellington, Australia)*

### 10:40-11:10 Tea/ coffee break

### 11:10-12:30 Panel 2

#### Session 2A: Empire & Identity

**Chair:** David Pomfret *(University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong)*

Englishness and the ‘Other’: Antisemitism and Empire in the Inclusion-Exclusion Discourse  
**Hilda Nissimi** *(Bar-Ilan University, Israel)*

Understanding Britishness in Hong Kong: 1990-97  
**Andrew Mycock** *(University of Huddersfield, United Kingdom)*

The British World at Play: Imperialism and Competing Identities of Colonial Nationalism at the First British Empire Games, 1930  
**Daniel Gorman** *(University of Waterloo, Canada)*

#### Session 2B: War, Soldiers & British Identity

**Chair:** Christopher Bayly *(St. Catharine’s College at Cambridge University, United Kingdom)*

‘The Fourteenth Army has had it!': British Soldiers and Colonial Authority in Wartime India  
**Andrew Muldoon** *(Metropolitan State College of Denver, USA)*

Imperialism in Action: The Six Day War of 1898 in the New Territories  
**Patrick H. Hase** *(Lingnan University, Hong Kong)*

Last Dominion in War; First Division in Britain  
**Iain Johnston** *(University of Cambridge, United Kingdom)*

#### Session 2C: Networks of British Culture

**Chair:** David A. Campion *(Lewis & Clark College, USA)*

The Brother Teagues: Family and Fountune in British Imperial Experience  
**Wayne Bodle** *(Indiana University of Pennsylvania, USA)*

A Band of ‘Idle Natives’ and ‘Dissolute Mechanics’: Irish Military Culture and the British Empire in India  
**Barry Crosbie** *(University of Macau, China)*
Cosmopolitanism, Britishness and Imperial Networks: Rabindranath Tagore, C. F. Andrews and E. J. Thompson, 1912-1941
*Michael Collins (University College London, United Kingdom)*

12:30-14:00 Lunch

14:00- 15:20 Panel 3

**Session 3A: Britishness and Slavery**

Chair: Antony Taylor *(Sheffield Hallam University, United Kingdom)*

A Nursery of Liberty? 'Slavery' and Abolition in Britain and New Zealand
*Hazel Petrie (University of Auckland, Australia)*

Sugar Wars: The Culture of Free Trade vs. The Culture of Antislavery in Britain and the British Caribbean, 1840-1850
*Philip Harling (University of Kentucky, USA)*

Uncertain Hegemony: The Great French Mistake of ‘Race’ and the Rise of the British Empire
*Margaret B. Crosby-Arnold (Howard University, USA)*

**Session 3B: Youth & British Culture**

Chair: Grace Chou Ai-ling *(Lingnan University, Hong Kong)*

'In Their Footsteps': Cultural Transmissions through Scouting and its Reappropriations in British Malaya
*Jialin Christina Wu (L'École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (EHESS), France)*

Perceptions of Youth Culture & Westernization in Late Colonial Period
*Anindita Mukhopadhyay (University of Hyderabad, India)*

'Magic Islands': Children and Childhood in British Colonial Contexts
*David Pomfret (University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong)*

**Session 3C: Hong Kong at the Edge of Empires**

Chair: Hui Po-keung *(Lingnan University, Hong Kong)*

Sorting out China: British Accounts from Pre-Opium War Canton
*John M. Carroll (University of Hong Kong)*

Importing Loyalty: Recruitment of Weihaiwei Police in Hong Kong, 1922-1949
*Lau Chi-pang (Lingnan University, Hong Kong)*

Learning from Empires - or How Hong Kong Is Featured in the Imagination of China's Rise
*Law Wing-sang (Lingnan University, Hong Kong)*

15:20-15:45 Tea/ coffee break

15:45-17:00 **Plenary Speaker 1**

Noble Savages and Naked Natives
*Philippa Levine (University of Texas, USA)*

Chair: Tillman W. Nechtman *(Skidmore College, USA)*

17:00 Bus to British Council

18:00-19:30 Wine/ cheese Reception at British Council
20:00 Dinner at The Helena May

26 May 2011, Thursday

09:00 Panel 4

Session 4A: Discourses of British & Others
Chair: Linda Colley (Princeton University, USA)

'A Century of Wrong': Dutch Attitudes towards British Empire-Building in South Africa around 1900
Vincent Kuitenbrouwer (University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands)

From the Periphery: Swedish Colonial Visual Culture and the British Empire
Åsa Bharathi Larsson (Uppsala University, Sweden)

Inventing Colonial Burma: Between War and Memory
Stephen Keck (American University of Sharjah, UAE)

Billy Bunter in China: A Conservative Sinophile Negotiates the Yellow Peril
David Lloyd Smith (Lingnan University, Hong Kong)

Session 4B: Imperial Governance
Chair: Niccolò Pianciola (Lingnan University, Hong Kong)

Malaya 1945-1957: A Colonial Case History by a Former Malayan Civil Servant
Anne Carver (Chinese University of Hong Kong) and Brian Stewart

Class, Culture, and Empire: The Case of the Indian Police, 1870-1930
David A. Campion (Lewis & Clark College, USA)

A Nation of 'Clives' or 'Cromers?': Colonial Officials and British Identities in Africa, c.1900-39
Christopher Prior (University College Dublin, Ireland)

In-betweeness: Understanding the Role of the Imperial Officers in the British World, as Exemplified by the Cases of Canada and the Australian Colonies c.1870-1914
Eirik Brazier (European University Institute, Norway)

Session 4C: Propaganda & British Culture
Chair: Mark Hampton (Lingnan University, Hong Kong)

Bringing Another Empire Alive? The Empire Marketing Board and the Construction of Dominion Identity, 1926-33
Felicity Barnes (University of Auckland, Australia)

Beefeaters, Britishness and Empire since 1709
Paul Ward (University of Huddersfield, United Kingdom) and Janette Martin (University of Huddersfield, United Kingdom)

The Spread of English As a Benign Cultural Legacy
Verner Bickley (English-Speaking Union, Hong Kong)

10:40-11:15 Tea/ coffee break
11:15-12:30 Plenary Speaker 2

British Radicals in Asia and the Persistence of Empire
Christopher Bayly (St. Catharine’s College at Cambridge University, United Kingdom)

Chair: Barry Crosbie (University of Macau, China)

12:30-14:00 Lunch

14:00-15:40 Panel 5

Session 5A: Missionaries & British Culture
Chair: David Cannadine (Princeton University, USA)

Christianising Chinese Children: Childhood and the Protestant Church in Colonial Hong Kong, 1880-1941
Penelope Ching-yee Pang (University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong)

‘A Morbid State of Mind’: Missionaries, Soldiers and Sailors in Early Colonial Sierra Leone
Padraic Xavier Scanlan (Princeton University, USA)

‘A Bible in One Hand’: The Role of Christianity in the British Empire
Anne Carver (Chinese University of Hong Kong) and Sally Stewart (formerly University of Hong Kong)

Imperial Church Congresses and the Empire of the Mind
Hilary Carey (University of Newcastle, Australia)

Session 5B: Fiction & Britishness
Chair: Michael Ingham (Lingnan University, Hong Kong)

Novels of Ghosh and Mitra: Reconciling the Colonial-National Dichotomy in the Empire State of Mind
Tanmayee Banerjee (University of Westminster, United Kingdom)

Li Bo (Lingnan University, Hong Kong)

Scrutiny Abroad, or, Fiction and the Colonial Reading Public
Chris Hilliard (University of Sydney, Australia)

Teaching the ‘Wider Imperialism’: Sara Jeannette Duncan's Canadian Instance
Christopher J. Armstrong (Chukyo University, Japan)

Session 5C: The Material Culture of Britishness
Chair: James R. Fichter (Lingnan University, Hong Kong)

The Strength of Legitimate Commerce: Material Culture in British West Africa, 1845-1861
Bronwen Everill (University of Oxford, United Kingdom)

Mr. Hickey’s Pictures: Britons and their Collectibles in Late-Eighteenth-Century India
Tillman W. Nechtman (Skidmore College, USA)

Romancing the Empire: The Politics of Imperialism and Nationalism in the Decorative Programme of South Africa House, London
Federico Freschi (University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa)
British Art – Exhibitions and Reception in Late 19th Century Australia

Emma Watts (Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong)

15:40-16:10 Tea/ coffee break

16:10-17:30 Plenary Speaker 3

Words and the World: Britain, Written Constitutions and Empire, 1780-2000

Linda Colley (Princeton University, USA)

Chair: Jeffrey Auerbach (California State University Northridge, USA)

17:30 Wine/ cheese Reception

20:00 Dinner (To be held offsite from campus and hotel)

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27 May 2011, Friday

09:00-10:40 Panel 6

Session 6A: Diasporas & Britishness

Chair: Paul Ward (University of Huddersfield, United Kingdom)

The Empire County and Tykes Abroad

William Marshall (University of Huddersfield, United Kingdom)

Being Scottish in a British Canadian City: Toronto's Scottish Community in the Late Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Century

Andrew Hinson (University of Toronto, Canada)

Mountains of the Mind: Welsh Identity, Empire and Belief in the Khasi Hills of North-east India

Andrew J. May (University of Melbourne, Australia)

Session 6B: Race & British Identity

Chair: David Lloyd Smith (Lingnan University, Hong Kong)

A Tale of Two Protectorates: The Protection of Aboriginal and Chinese People in Colonial Victoria

Christina Twomey (Monash University, Australia)

Reshaping British Culture: Eurasians in Colonial Malaya, c. 1880-1940

Kirsty Walker (University of Cambridge/ National University of Singapore)

Articulating Their Aboriginality? Removing Indigenous Children from Australia and New Zealand to Britain in the Nineteenth Century

Shirleene Robinson (Bond University, Australia)

Cooking the Books: Constructing Racial and Sexual Identity in Britain and the Pacific, 1767-1791

Andrew Wells (University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom)

Session 6C: Travel & Britishness

Chair: John M. Carroll (University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong)

‘Greater Britain’: Late Imperial Travel Writing and the Settler Colonies

Anna Johnston (University of Tasmania, Australia)
'How to See the Empire': Thomas Cook's Australasian Travellers' Gazettes 1889-1939
Marian Walker (University of Tasmania, Australia)

Humanitarian Diplomacy in the Near East
Michelle Tusan (University of Nevada, Las Vegas, USA)

The Cautionary Tale of Chinese (Over)civilisation: Towards a Cultural History of British Medicine and Travel Writing in Late Nineteenth Century China
Stephanie Villalta Puig (The University of Hull, United Kingdom)

10:40-11:15 Tea/ coffee break

11:15-12:30 **Plenary Speaker 4**

Empire as Theatre
David Cannadine (Princeton University, USA)

Chair: David Pomfret (University of Hong Kong)

12:30-14:00 Lunch

14:00-15:20 Panel 7

**Session 7A: Exporting Liberalism & Dissent**

Chair: Philip Harling (University of Kentucky, USA)

The Rights of Englishmen for Dummies: The Continental Congress' Appeal to the Inhabitants of Québec, 1774
François Charbonneau (Université d'Ottawa, Canada)

The ‘Semi-Exclusionary’ Empire
Martin J. Wiener (Rice University, USA)

**Session 7B: Education as Culture**

Chair: Richard Lee Davis (Lingnan University, Hong Kong)

Medium-of-instruction, Science Curriculum, and Modern Knowledge: British Values in Post-War Hong Kong Higher Education
Grace Chou Ai-ling (Lingnan University, Hong Kong)

Universities of Empire: the Limits of Imperial Education Policy
Peter Cunich (University of Hong Kong)

Anglonization or Unwitting Cultivation?: The Teaching of English in Hong Kong in the 19th Century
Edmond, Kwok-kwong Yau (University of Bristol, United Kingdom)

**Session 7C: The British at Play**

Chair: Chris Hilliard (University of Sydney, Australia)

Dominique Connan (European University Institute, Florence/ Université de Paris IV (Sorbonne), France)

The Drinking Habits of Our Countrymen': British Alcohol Consumption and the Bounds of Civilisation in 19th-Century Colonial India
Harald Fischer-Tiné (Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich, Switzerland)
Class and the (Re)creation of British Culture in Australia
Jeffrey Auerbach (California State University Northridge, USA)

14:20-15:50 Tea/coffee break

15:50-17:10 Panel 8

**Session 8A: Britishness: Inclusion & Exclusion**
Chair: Patrick H. Hase (Lingnan University, Hong Kong)

Chinese Britishness in Late Colonial Hong Kong
Mark Hampton (Lingnan University, Hong Kong)

The British Raj and its Colonial Politics of Whiteness: Educational Crusades against the Slumming of Eurasians and Domiciled Europeans in Late Colonial Calcutta
Satoshi Mizutani (Doshisha University, Japan)

A New Way of Thinking Warfare State, Cultural Exchange between Great Britain and its Mandate Iraq during Second World War
Matthieu Rey (EHESS-Collège de France (Paris)-Ifpo (Damas), France)

Stranded Britons: Imperial Britishness at Empire's End
Stuart Ward (University of Copenhagen, Denmark)

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**Session 8B: Canada & British Culture**
Chair: David Lloyd Smith (Lingnan University, Hong Kong)

Canadian Soldiers of Empire: Articulations of the Canadian Character in Print Media, 1914-1918
Steve Marti (The University of Western Ontario, Canada)

Canada's Long Path to 'Decolonization': Empire Day as a Case Study
Michihisa Hosokawa (Kagoshima University, Japan)

‘Imperial Pageantry and International Politics: Canada, the Empire and the Coming of War in the Press, May-June 1939.’
Tyler Turek (University of Western Ontario, Canada)

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**Session 8C: Disease, Medicine & Environment**
Chair: Philippa Levine (University of Texas, USA)

The Adaptation of British Women's Medicine to Colonial Hong Kong: The Cases of R. E. Tottenham and William Nixon
Carol C. L. Tsang (University of Hong Kong)

Race, Polygamy, ‘Syphilitic Natives’, and Public Health: Sexually Transmitted Diseases and British Attitudes toward African Culture in Colonial Zimbabwe (Southern Rhodesia), 1923-1980
Francis Dube (University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, USA)

The Rise and Fall of the British Southern Hemisphere: Science, Ecology, and Culture, 1806-2010
Brett Bennett (University of Western Sydney, Australia)

The Culture of Climate: The Rise and Decline of Desiccation Theory in the British World
Gregory Barton (Australian National University, Australia)

17:10 Concluding Reception/ Dinner (to be held offsite)

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