

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

### Conference Schedule

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24 May 2011, Tuesday

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15:00-18:00 Pre-registration

Venue: Main Entrance (Under the cover of Lee Wan Keung Academic Building)

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25 May 2011, Wednesday

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08:15-09:00 Morning conference registration at Main Entrance

09:00-10:40 Panel 1

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

Room: MBG19

Chair: Carol C. L. Tsang (*University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong*)

The Impact of Chinese Politics on British Diplomacy and Finance: Railway Loans to the Qing Government, 1898-1911

*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*

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**Session 1B: Media & Britishness**

Room: MBG01

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)*

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

*Emma Robertson (Sheffield Hallam University, United Kingdom)*

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**Session 1C: Cultures of Law & Reform**

Room: MBG07

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)*

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10:40-11:10 Tea/ coffee break

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11:10-12:30 Panel 2

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**Session 2A: Empire & Identity**

Room: MBG19

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

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)*

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**Session 2B: War, Solders & British Identity**

Room: MBG01

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)*

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

Room: MBG07

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

Empire and Evidence: Writing the Cosbys and Being the Cosbys from Indian Country to the Indian Ocean  
*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)*

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12:30-14:00 Lunch at 2/F, Chinese Restaurant, Amenities Building, Lingnan University

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**Session 3A: Britishness and Slavery**

Room: MBG19

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, New Zealand)*

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 (USA)*

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

Room: MBG01

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: South China at the Edge of Empires**

Room: MBG07

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, 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**

Room: MBG07

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

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09:00-10:40 Panel 4

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**Session 4A: Discourses of British & Others**

Room: MBG19

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)*

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**Session 4B: Imperial Governance**

Room: MBG01

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, 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)*

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**Session 4C: Propaganda & British Culture**

Room: MBG07

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, New Zealand)*

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)*

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10:40-11:15 Tea/ coffee break

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11:15-12:30 **Plenary Speaker 2**

Room: MBG07

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)*

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12:30-14:00 Lunch at 2/F, Chinese Restaurant, Amenities Building, Lingnan University

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14:00-15:40 Panel 5

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**Session 5A: Missionaries & British Culture**

Room: MBG19

Chair: David Cannadine (Princeton University, USA)

Christianising Chinese Children: Childhood and the Protestant Church in Colonial Hong Kong, 1880-1941

*Penelope Ching-yea 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, 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)*

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**Session 5B: Fiction & Britishness**

Room: MBG01

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)*

The Women Images in the Early Translation of English Detective Stories in Hong Kong--A Case Study of *Yousuowei Bao* ('It Does Matter' Newspaper) (1905-1906)

*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)*

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**Session 5C: The Material Culture of Britishness**

Room: MBG07

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 19<sup>th</sup> Century Australia  
*Emma Watts (Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong)*

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15:40-16:10 Tea/ coffee break

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16:10-17:30 **Plenary Speaker 3**

Room: MBG07

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

*Linda Colley (Princeton University, USA)*

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

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17:30 Wine/ cheese Reception at Art Gallery, Lee Wan Keung Academic Building, Lingnan University

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19:30 Dinner at 2/F, Chinese Restaurant, Amenities Building, Lingnan University

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09:00-10:40 Panel 6

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**Session 6A: Diasporas & Britishness**

Room: MBG19

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 (The University of Melbourne, Australia)*

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**Session 6B: Race & British Identity**

Room: MBG01

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, United Kingdom)*

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)*

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**Session 6C: Travel & Britishness**

Room: MBG07

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)*

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10:40-11:15 Tea/ coffee break

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

Room: MBG07

Empire as Theatre  
*David Cannadine (Princeton University, USA)*  
Chair: David Pomfret (*University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong*)

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12:30-14:00 Lunch at 2/F, Chinese Restaurant, Amenities Building, Lingnan University

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14:00-15:20 Panel 7

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

Room: MBG19

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)*

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**Session 7B: Education as Culture**

Room: MBG01

Chair: Richard L. 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, 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)*

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

Room: MBG07

Chair: Chris Hilliard (*University of Sydney, Australia*)

Social Clubs and the Genesis of a Colonial Gentility amongst British Settlers in Kenya (1897-1963)  
*Dominique Connan (European University Institute, Florence/ Université Paris Sorbonne, France)*

The Drinking Habits of Our Countrymen': British Alcohol Consumption and the Bounds of Civilisation in 19<sup>th</sup>-Century Colonial India  
*Harald Fischer-Tiné (Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich ETHZ, Switzerland)*

Class and the (Re)creation of British Culture in Australia  
*Jeffrey Auerbach (California State University Northridge, USA)*

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15:20-15:50 Tea/ coffee break

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15:50-17:10 Panel 8

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**Session 8A: Britishness: Inclusion & Exclusion**

Room: MBG19

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**

Room: MBG01

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**

Room: MBG07

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, 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)*

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17:10 Wine/ cheese Reception at Art Gallery, Lee Wan Keung Academic Building, Lingnan University

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19:15 Dinner at 2/F, Chinese Restaurant, Amenities Building, Lingnan University

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