

Among Empires: The British Empire in Global Imperial Context 27-29 May 2015

27 May 2015, Wednesday

10:00-11:00 Morning conference registration at Main Entrance

11:00-11:10 Welcome Remarks Room: MBG07
Mark Hampton (Lingnan University, Hong Kong)

11:10-12:40 **Plenary Speaker 1** Room: MBG07
Chair: *Grace Chou Ai-ling (Lingnan University, Hong Kong)*

The British Empire and the Origins of International Law
Lauren Benton (New York University, USA)

12:40-12:50 Group Photo-taking

12:50-14:20 Lunch at 2/F, Chinese Restaurant, Amenities Building, Lingnan University

14:20-16:00 Panel 1

Session 1A: Chinese Culture and Western Perceptions of Non-Han Chinese in China

Room: MBG19

Chair: *Robert Bickers (University of Bristol, United Kingdom)*

The Manchus' "Unnatural Frontier": British Observations of the Canton System
John M. Carroll (The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong)

Western Imperialists and the Making of Hakka Discourses in the Late Qing
Ka-lo Yau (Lingnan University, Hong Kong)

Lamas, Empresses, and Tea: Early Twentieth-century British and Qing Encounters in East Tibet
Scott Relyea (Hamline University, United States)

Session 1B: Britain, France and the Twentieth Century Renegotiation of Empire in the Middle East

Room: MBG01

Chair: *Niccolò Pianciola (Lingnan University, Hong Kong)*

Securing the Empire after the First World War: Local and Imperial Armed Forces in France and Great-Britain's Middle Eastern Mandates
Clothilde Houot (Université Paris 1, France)

Undeclared War: The British Mission for Lebanese Independence
Catherine Batruni (American University of Beirut, Lebanon)

Arms without Influence: British Arms Supply Diplomacy and the End of British Imperialism in the Middle East, 1945-1955

David Tal (University of Sussex, United Kingdom)

16:00-16:25 Tea/ coffee break

16:25-18:15 Panel 2

Session 2A: Trade and Ideology

Room: MBG19

Chair: *John Darwin (Oxford University, United Kingdom)*

Britain and France: Carbon Rivalry and Naval Power in the Gulf of Siam, 1870-1895

James R. Fichter (The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong)

The 'Berlin of the East': Arguments against Protectionism in Hong Kong, 1955-74

James Fellows (Lingnan University, Hong Kong)

Liverpool and America's Empire of Liberty, 1783-1812

Simon Hill (The University of Chester, United Kingdom)

Session 2B: Imperial Policy and Control of Populations

Room: MBG01

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

'Changing of the Guard': Anglo-American Approach to the Chinese Problem in the Early Cold War

Soo Chun Lu (Indiana University of Pennsylvania, United States)

On the Frontiers: Empire, 'Native Sovereigns' and Foreign Jurisdiction in the 1830s

Shaunnagh Dorsett (University of Technology, Australia)

Extending the Plough in Pre-Colonial Times to a Journey under Colonial Gaze: Voluntary Peasant Migration in Mughal North Indian and the Coercive Transformation under British Empire

Sreekumar Vijayakumaran (University of Hyderabad, India)

18:30 Walk to Thai Restaurant

19:00 Dinner

28 May 2015, Thursday

09:00-10:40 Panel 3

Session 3A: Conflict and Convergence: Strategies of Conquest

Room: MBG19

Chair: *Niccolò Pianciola (Lingnan University, Hong Kong)*

How did the Lion's Paws and the Cockerel's Spurs 'Scratch the Sand' and Bite the Dust? A Comparative Approach to British and French Strategies of Conquest in the Sahara

Berny Sébe (University of Birmingham, United Kingdom)

A Debt Unacknowledged? The British Influence on the French School of Colonial Warfare in the Late Nineteenth Century

Michael Finch (King's College London, United Kingdom)

Competitive Emulation and the 'Fear of Falling' in the Russian Conquest of Central Asia

Alexander Morrison (Nazarbayev University, Kazakhstan)

Session 3B: Inter-Imperial Perceptions in East Asia

Room: MBG01

Chair: *Simon Hill (The University of Chester, United Kingdom)*

Chinese Eurasians in the Empire World: Race, Nationality and Imperial Citizenship, c. 1890-50
Catherine Ladds (Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong)

A Force of 'Civilization' or a 'Barbarous' Despotism?: Shifting British Attitudes towards Japanese Colonialism in Korea
Satoshi Mizutani (Doshisha University, Japan)

Blurring Foreign and Imperial Affairs: Britain's Reactive Imperial Policy and the Escalation of Sino-Japanese Tensions, 1871-1896
Simon Case (Lingnan University, Hong Kong)

10:40-11:00 Tea/ coffee break

11:00-12:30 Plenary Speaker 2

Room: MBG07

Chair: *Simon Potter (University of Bristol, United Kingdom)*

Britain in the world of empires 1840 - 1940
John Darwin (Oxford University, United Kingdom)

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

14:00-15:40 Panel 4

Session 4A: Empire and the development of the sciences

Room: MBG19

Chair: *Lauren Benton (New York University, United States)*

Making Zoological Natural History in the Early 19th Century by the French and English in South and South-East Asia
John Mathew (Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) Pune, India)

Dissemination of Scientific Knowledge in 18th Century Britain: A Case Study of James Dinwiddie
Miaosi Zhang (University of Alabama, United States)

'Botanical Monroe Doctrine' in Puerto Rico: Contours of American Imperial Ambition vis-à-vis British Caribbean Interests
Darryl E. Brock (University of Bridgeport, United States)

Session 4B: European Empires and Youth

Room: MBG01

Chair: *Stuart Ward (Copenhagen University, Denmark)*

Higher Education in a Contracting British Empire
Grace Ai-ling Chou (Lingnan University, Hong Kong)

European Leper Children in Saigon and Singapore: Disease, Empire and Childhood
David Pomfret (The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong)

The Maria Hertogh Controversy: A Case-Study of Trans-Imperial Scandals and Subjectivities in (De)-Colonial Southeast Asia (1950)
Jialin Christina Wu (École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, France and Université Catholique de Louvain, Belgium)

15:40-16:00 Tea/ coffee break

16:00-17:40 Panel 5

Session 5A: Empire and Broadcasting

Room: MBG19

Chair: *Diana Lemberg (Lingnan University, Hong Kong)*

Building Empires on Air: Imperial Broadcasting in the 1930s
Simon Potter (University of Bristol, United Kingdom)

Imperial Networks of Film Censorship in Cold War British East Asia
Zardas (Shuk Man) Lee (The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong)

Hong Kong's Government Information Services, 1950s-1980s: Decolonisation, localisation, and the Cold War context
Mark Hampton (Lingnan University, Hong Kong) and Chris Sutton (University of East Anglia, United Kingdom)

Session 5B: Networks and Imperial Culture

Room: MBG01

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

Objects and Social Careering across Imperial Spaces, ca. 1800-1940
Caroline Drieënhuizen (Open University in the Netherlands / University of Amsterdam, Netherlands)

'Hong Kong is my Home': The British Community in Hong Kong and the 1940 Evacuation of British Families to Australia
Wai-yan Kong (The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong)

The Transnational Career of Sir John Pope Hennessy: Britishness and the Reformulation of Imperial Culture Among Empires
Barry Crosbie (The Hong Kong Institute of Education, Hong Kong)

17:45-19:15 Wine/ Cheese Reception at Art Gallery, Lee Wan Keung Academic Building,
Lingnan University

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09:00-10:15 Panel 6

Session 6A: The Chinese Diaspora/ Overseas Chinese

Room: MBG07

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

Positioning the Role of Hong Kong-based Émigrés in the United States' Policy towards China, 1949-1955
Kenneth Kai-chung Yung (The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong)

Trade, Overseas Chinese Nationalism and Japanese Intentions: Anglo-Japanese Relations over Malaya, 1928-1941
Jason Lim (University of Wollongong, Australia)

Session 6B: Imperial Rivalries: Britain and Russia

Room: MBG01

Chair: *James R. Fichter (The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong)*

The Russian Threat Perception to Britain's Indian Empire

Priyamvada Ankush Sawant (H. R. College of Commerce and Economics, India)

Great Game Narratives and Opium Trade in the Turkestan-Xinjiang Borderland, 1906-1924

Niccolò Pianciola (Lingnan University, Hong Kong)

10:15-10:40 Tea/ coffee break

10:40-12:20 Panel 7

Session 7A: Treaty Ports and the Interaction of Empires

Room: MBG07

Chair: *Barry Crosbie (The Hong Kong Institute of Education, Hong Kong)*

Trying to Make It at an Intersection of Empires: The Economic Experience of Jewish Migrants in the Yokohama Treaty Port, 1859-1899

Chester Proshan (Toyo University, Japan)

Bound by Contract: The Slave Trade of Treaty-Port China

John Shufelt (Tunghai University, Taiwan)

Colonialism and Compromise: Shanghai Municipal Police and the Soochow Reformatory, 1927-1937

Kwok-fai Law (Lingnan University, Hong Kong)

Session 7B: Decolonisation and Post-Imperial Metropolitan Societies

Room: MBG01

Chair: *Mark Hampton (Lingnan University, Hong Kong)**The German intellectual origins of British 'Decolonization'**Stuart Ward (Copenhagen University, Denmark)*

Among Retreating Empires: Independence in Belgian Congo through British Eyes

Christian Damm Pedersen (Copenhagen University, Denmark)

The Tumultuous Integration of Post-Colonial Immigration in Today's Former French and British Colonial Empires

Diane Jeanblanc (Paris 13 University/ Paris 1 Panthéon - Sorbonne, France)

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13:50-15:20 Plenary Speaker 3

Room: MBG07

Chair: *Catherine Ladds (Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong)*

Legal and Other Fictions of British Empire in China

Robert Bickers (University of Bristol, United Kingdom)

15:20-15:30 Closing Remarks

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