

**HIST 8270: SEMINAR IN MODERN BRITISH, IRISH, AND IMPERIAL HISTORY**  
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**METROPOLE, COLONIES, DIASPORAS**

This reading seminar explores the "new imperial history," which is reshaping our understanding of the interconnected nature of metropolitan, colonial, and diasporic histories. It should appeal to those interested in global, third world, gender, and U.S. inter/transnational history.

This syllabus provides a general plan for the seminar; deviations may be necessary. We will read a total of fourteen books, eleven in common and one each from three pairs of books. The format of the seminar is discussion, film screenings, and brief presentations of "mini" research/teaching projects. I expect you to be a critical reader, open-minded discussant, and clear and thoughtful writer. The final course grade is derived from a "mini" research/teaching project (25%), a sum-up paper (25%), and participation (50%). It is understood that you will be honest in submitting written work for credit and I will be fair in grading it.

The seminar meets 5:30-8:50 PM Thursday in 707-G. Comments and questions are welcome inside and outside the seminar room; send e-mail messages to [icfletcher@mindspring.com](mailto:icfletcher@mindspring.com). Office hours are 11:00-12:00 AM and 4:30-5:30 PM Thursday and by appointment (404/463-9196) in 834-G.

**BOOKS**

- Barbara Bush, *Imperialism, Race and Resistance: Africa and Britain, 1919-1945* (1999)  
Partha Chatterjee, *The Nation and Its Fragments: Colonial and Postcolonial Histories* (1993)  
Linda Colley, *Captives: Britain, Empire, and the World, 1600-1850* (2002)  
Nicholas B. Dirks, *Castes of Mind: Colonialism and the Making of Modern India* (2001)  
Ellen L. Fleischmann, *The Nation and Its "New" Women: The Palestinian Women's Movement, 1920-1948* (2003)  
Ranajit Guha, *Dominance without Hegemony: History and Power in Colonial India* (1997)  
Catherine Hall, *Civilising Subjects: Metropole and Colony in the English Imagination, 1830-1867* (2002)  
James L. Hevia, *English Lessons: The Pedagogy of Imperialism in Nineteenth-Century China* (2003)  
Thomas C. Holt, *The Problem of Freedom: Race, Labor, and Politics in Jamaica and Britain, 1832-1938* (1992)  
Philippa Levine, *Prostitution, Race and Politics: Policing Venereal Disease in the British Empire* (2003)

Peter Linebaugh and Marcus Rediker, *The Many-Headed Hydra: Sailors, Slaves, Commoners, and the Hidden History of the Revolutionary Atlantic* (2000)  
Zine Magubane, *Bringing the Empire Home: Race, Class, and Gender in Britain and Colonial South Africa* (2003)  
Mahmood Mamdani, *Citizen and Subject: Contemporary Africa and the Legacy of Late Colonialism* (1996)  
J.D.Y. Peel, *Religious Encounter and the Making of the Yoruba* (2001)  
Peter van der Veer, *Imperial Encounters: Religion and Modernity in India and Britain* (2001)  
Angela Woollacott, *To Try Her Fortune in London: Australian Women, Colonialism and Modernity* (2001)  
Philip S. Zachernuk, *Colonial Subjects: An African Intelligentsia and Atlantic Ideas* (2000)

**MEETINGS, READINGS, ETC.**

**26 AUG. INTRODUCTION**

**2 SEPT. WHOSE EMPIRE?**

Colley, *Captives*

**9 SEPT. SUBALTERNS**

Linebaugh and Rediker, *The Many Headed Hydra*

**16 SEPT. CAPITALISM AND THE COLONIAL DIFFERENCE**

Holt, *The Problem of Freedom*

**23 SEPT. RELIGION, RACE, AND IDENTITIES**

Hall, *Civilising Subjects*

OR

Peel, *Religious Encounter and the Making of the Yoruba*

**30 SEPT. BODIES, RACE, CLASS, GENDER**

Magubane, *Brining the Empire Home*

**7 OCT. DOMINATION, COLLABORATION, RESISTANCE**

Guha, *Dominance without Hegemony*

**14 OCT. COLONIAL POWER AND KNOWLEDGE**

Dirks, *Castes of Mind*

**21 OCT. IMPERIAL MISSIONS**

Hevia, *English Lessons*

**28 OCT. INTERACTIVE MODERNITIES**

van der Veer, *Imperial Encounters*

OR

Zachernuk, *Colonial Subjects*

**4 NOV. SEX, GENDER, AND EMPIRE**

Levine, *Prostitution, Race and Politics*

"MINI" RESEARCH/TEACHING PROJECT PRESENTATIONS

**11 NOV. CONTESTING THE IMPERIAL STATE**

Bush, *Imperialism, Race and Resistance*

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**18 NOV. NEW WOMEN AND NEW NATIONS**

Fleischmann, *The Nation and Its "New" Women*

OR

Woollacott, *To Try Her Fortune in London*

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**25 NOV. THANKSGIVING DAY HOLIDAY**

**2 DEC. IMAGINED ANTI/POSTCOLONIAL COMMUNITIES**

Chatterjee, *The Nation and Its Fragments*

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**9 DEC. COLONIAL RULE, POSTCOLONIAL IDENTITIES**

Mamdani, *Citizen and Subject*

**16 DEC. SUM-UP PAPER DUE IN OFFICE (5:30 PM)**

**28 DEC. GRADES DUE TO REGISTRAR**