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Wednesday 4-6pm, Dwinelle 0204

**Britain and the World Since 1750**

In recent years many jobs in a variety of fields come with the supplement ‘and the world’. So what does ‘and the world’ signify? This class will explore this question using the field of modern British history as its case. We’ll begin by addressing the institutional imperatives in which the worlding of national histories, and the training of graduate students in ‘and the world’ fields, have taken shape in the contemporary academy. We will ask what relationship these developments have to the intellectual and historiographical shifts that have reconfigured the field of British history? The old conceit that Britain made the modern world was first qualified by the more modest assertion that ‘the British world’ had an extraordinary transnational reach but now we are asked to consider how the world made Britain. How have these historiographical shifts occurred and what do they mean to those who consider themselves historians of Britain, as well as those who consider themselves historians of the modern world. In passing it will rehearse many of the debates that those preparing for qualifying exams need to know about British history: its extension into the Atlantic and British worlds, the imperial turn in European history more generally, the history of globality and the provincialized place of Britain (and Europe) in world history, and the still little understood dynamics of late imperialism, decolonization and the Cold War in the formation of our neoliberal present. Or that is the absurd ambition. There will be a lot of reading but no writing. Your charge will be to produce a syllabus of a class you could pitch to a search committee hiring someone to teach a class on ‘Britain and world.’

Please note you are not expected to read *everything* that is listed below. I will expect that everyone has read those works that are *not* marked with an \*. If you are going to buy any of these books, buy those. Some of you will have read many of these works already so I have placed an \* against those books or articles that are supplementary. We may decide to assign particular pieces to groups and individuals.

**20 January Introductions**

**27 January The Worlds We Live In**

[NACBS Report on the State and Future of British Studies in North America](http://www.nacbs.org/archive/nacbs-report-on-the-state-and-future-of-british-studies) (1999)

Luke Clossey and Nicholas Guyatt, [“It’s a Small World After All: The Wider World in Historians’ Peripheral Vision”](http://historians.org/publications-and-directories/perspectives-on-history/may-2013/its-a-small-world-after-all) Perspectives (May 2013)

Robert B.Townsend, [“The Rise and Decline of History Specializations over the Past 40 Years”](http://historians.org/publications-and-directories/perspectives-on-history/december-2015/the-rise-and-decline-of-history-specializations-over-the-past-40-years) Perspectives (December 2015)

Allen Mikaelian, [“The 2013 Jobs Report”](http://www.historians.org/publications-and-directories/perspectives-on-history/january-2014/the-2013-jobs-report-number-of-aha-ads-dip-new-experiment-offers-expanded-view) Perspectives (January 2014)

Michael Meranze, “[The Humanities out of joint](http://ahr.oxfordjournals.org/content/120/4/1311.full)” American Historical Review, 120, 4 (2015), 1311-26

Kenneth Pomerantz, [“Histories for a less national age”](http://ahr.oxfordjournals.org/content/119/1/1.full.pdf%2Bhtml), American Historical Review, 119, 1 (2014), 1-22.

**3 February Historiographical Interventions**

J.G.A. Pocock, "[British History: A Plea for a New Subject](http://ies.berkeley.edu/cbs/media/Pocock_New%20British%20History.pdf)," Journal of Modern History, 47, 4 (1975), 601-21.

David Armitage, ‘[Three Concepts of Atlantic History](http://www.sas.upenn.edu/~cavitch/pdf-library/Armitage_ThreeConcepts.pdf)’ in Armitage and Braddick (eds.), The British Atlantic World 1500-1800 (2002).

Antoinette Burton’s “[Who Needs the Nation? Interrogating ‘British’ history](http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/store/10.1111/1467-6443.00039/asset/1467-6443.00039.pdf;jsessionid=133A01F9543B810F7CC4AAF79A62AA95.f04t04?v=1&t=ij38iq72&s=f3f6a19267a52a1e7dbd6c5c66567fd2406b2a0b)” Journal of Historical Sociology, 10, 3 (1997).

Gregory A.Barton, “[Towards a Global History of Britain](http://www.historians.org/publications-and-directories/perspectives-on-history/october-2012/towards-a-global-history-of-britain)” Perspectives, October 2012.

Durba Ghosh, [“Another Set of Imperial Turns?”](http://ahr.oxfordjournals.org/content/117/3/772.full.pdf%2Bhtml) American Historical Review, 117, 3 (2012), 772-93.

\*Geoff Eley “[Historicizing the Global, Politicizing Capital: Giving the Present a Name](http://hwj.oxfordjournals.org/content/63/1/154.full.pdf%2Bhtml)” History Workshop Journal, 63, 1 (2007), 154-88.

\*Charles Bright and Michael Geyer, “[World History in a Global Age](http://ahr.oxfordjournals.org/content/100/4/1034.full.pdf)” The American Historical Review, 100, 4 (1995), 1034-65

**10 February Britons in the World**

Miles Ogborn, Global Lives: Britain and the World, 1550-1800 (2008)

\*Linda Colley, The Ordeal of Elizabeth Marsh: A Woman in World History(2007) **on bcourses**

**17 February Slavery and the Formation of a British World**

Eric Williams, Capitalism and Slavery (1944), chs.2-9 ***on bcourses***

Sidney Mintz, Sweetness and Power. The Place of Sugar in the Modern World (1985), chs.2-4 ***on bcourses***

Catherine Hall, “[Gendering Property, Racing Capital](http://hwj.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2014/08/27/hwj.dbu024)” History Workshop Journal (2014)

Christopher Brown, “Slavery and Antislavery” in Nicholas Canny and Philip D.Morgan (eds.), Oxford Handbook on the Atlantic World, c.1450-1820 (2011), 602-17 ***on bcourses***

\*Catherine Hall et al, Legacies of British Slave-Ownership: Colonial Slavery and Formation of Victorian Britain (2014), chs.1-4 ***on bcourses***

**17 February A British World System?**

E.J.Hobsbawm, Industry and Empire (London, 1968), chs.2-8 ***on bcourses***

Ronald Findlay and Kevin O’Rourke, Power and Plenty: Trade, War and the World Economy in the Second Millenium (2007), chs.6-8 ***on bcourses***

P.J.Cain and A.G.Hopkins, [Gentlemanly Capitalism and British Overseas Expansion: The Old Colonial System, 1688-1850](http://www.jstor.org/view/00130117/di011817/01p0377p/0?currentResult=00130117%2bdi011817%2b01p0377p%2b0%2cFBFFAE03&searchUrl=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.jstor.org%2Fsearch%2FBasicResults%3Fhp%3D25%26si%3D1%26gw%3Djtx%26jtxsi%3D1%26jcpsi%3D1%26artsi%3D1%26Query%3Dgentlemanly%2Bcapitalism%26wc%3Don)” Economic History Review, 39 (1986) and part two: “[New Imperialism, 1850-1945](http://www.jstor.org/stable/2596293?seq=1#page_scan_tab_contents)” Economic History Review, 40, 1 (1987).

\*Giovanni Arrighi, [The Long Twentieth Century: Money, Power and the Origins of Our Times](http://www.english.ufl.edu/mrg/readings/The%20Long%20Twentieth%20Century.pdf) (1994), ch.1

**24 February Commodities**

Sven Beckert, Empire of Cotton. A Global History (2015)

\*Timothy Mitchell, Carbon Democracy: Political Power in the Age of Oil (2011)

**2 March Settler Colonialism and the British World**

James Belich, Replenishing the Earth: The Settler Revolution and the Rise of the Anglo-World, 1783-1939 (Oxford. 2009), parts 1 and 3 ***on bcourses***

\*Kent Fedorowich and Andrew Thompson (eds.), Empire, Migration and Identity in the British World (2013), intro ***on bcourses***

\*Alan Lester and Zoe Laidlaw (eds.), Indigenous Communities and Settler Colonialism: Land Holding, Loss and and Survival in an Interconnected World (2015), intro ***on bcourses***

**9 March The Other Diasporas**

Ellen Boucher, Empire’s Children: Child Emigration, Welfare and the Decline of the British World, 1869-1967 (2014), chs.intro, 2, 5, 6 ***on bcourses***

Sanya Aiyar, Indians in Kenya: The Politics of Diaspora (2015), chs. 1, 3, 5 & 6 ***on bcourses***

Rachel Sturman, “[Indian Indentured Labor and the History of International Rights Regimes](http://ahr.oxfordjournals.org/content/119/5/1439.full)” American Historical Review, 119, 5 (2014), 1439-1465.

**16 March Empires and the Making of the World**

Tony Ballantyne and Antoinette Burton, Empires and the Reach of the Global, 1870-1945 (2014)

\*Gary Magee and Andrew Thompson (eds.), Empire and Globalisation: Networks of People, Goods and Capital in the British World, c. 1850–1914(2010), intro ***on bcourses***

**23 March Spring Recess**

**30 March Colonial Nationalism**

Partha Chatterjee, The Nation and its Fragments: Colonial and Postcolonial Histories chs.1-4. ***on bcourses***

Manu Goswami, Producing India: From Colonial Space to National Economy (2004), chs.1, 2.6, 7 & 8. ***on bcourses***

\*Erez Manela, “The Wilsonian Moment in India and the Crisis of Empire in 1919” in W.R.Louis (ed.), Yet More Adventures with Britannia (2005) or his The Wilsonian Moment: Self-Determination and the International Origins of Anticolonial Nationalism (2007) ***on bcourses***

**6 April The Beginning of the End of the British World?**

Adam Tooze, The Deluge: The Great War and the Remaking of the Global Order (2014)

\*Caroline Schenk, The Decline of Sterling: Managing the Retreat of an International Currency, 1945-1992 (2013)

**13 April Imperial Internationalisms**

Minnie Sinha, Specters of Mother India: The Global Restructuring of an Empire (2006), chs.1-4 ***on bcourses***

\*Susan Pedersen, The Guardians. The League of Nations and the Crisis of Empire (2015), intro and part 3 ***on bcourses***

\*Mark Mazower, “[An International Civilization: Empire, Internationalism and the Crisis of the Mid-Twentieth Century](http://www.mazower.com/articles/IA.pdf)” International Affairs, 82, 3 (2006), 553-66 or his No Enchanted Place: The End of Empire and the Ideological Origins of the United Nations (2009)

\*Duncan Bell, [The Idea of Greater Britain: Empire and the Future of the World Order, 1860-1900](http://site.ebrary.com/lib/berkeley/reader.action?docID=10312550&ppg=1) (2007), intro

**20 April Decolonization**

Martin Shipway, Decolonization and its Impact: A Comparative Approach to the End of the Colonial Empires (2008)

W.R.Louis and R.Robinson, “[The Imperialism of Decolonization](http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/pdf/10.1080/03086539408582936)” Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History,  24, 3 (1996):345-363

Sarah Stockwell, “Exporting Britishness, Decolonization in Africa, The British State and its Clients’ in M.Bandeira Jeronimo and A.Costa Pinto (eds.), The Ends of European Colonial Empires (2015), 148-77 ***on bcourses***

\*Caroline Elkins, “Detention, Rehabilitation and the Destruction of Kikuyu Society” in E.S.A. Odhiambo and J.Lonsdale (eds.), Mau Mau and Nationhood (2003), 191-226.

**27 April Afterlives of Empire I**

Mahmood Mamdani, [Define and Rule: Native as Political Identity](http://site.ebrary.com/lib/berkeley/detail.action?docID=10618069) (2012).

Gregory Mann, From Empires to NGOs in the West African Sahel: The Road to Non-Governmentality (2014), parts 1 & 3 **on bcourses**

\*Kariann Yokata, [Unbecoming British: How Revolutionary America Became a Postcolonial Nation](http://site.ebrary.com/lib/berkeley/detail.action?docID=10501022) (2010)

**May Afterlives of Empire II**

Jordanna Bailkin, [The Afterlife of Empire](http://escholarship.org/uc/item/2tp0d3gp) (2013), intro,1,4&5

Bill Schwarz, The White Man’s World (2011), intro, prologue, ch.7