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History 5341-001, "Empires" (Colloquium)
 Spring 2012
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The syllabus may be subject to minor modifications

Course Description: In this colloquium, graduate students will be expected to master a sample of secondary literature devoted to problems of empire. We shall focus on the issues and problems in the historiography of modern European colonial projects and the Russian empire. The course will be organized thematically, covering such issues as state building, violence, race, knowledge, migration, religion, etc. Our main interest will be in the nineteenth and early-twentieth centuries, but a larger context of European and Russian colonial expansion will likewise be considered. We will examine the complex and multifarious processes of empire-building and a range of historiographic approaches in the light of selected theoretical debates about the meaning and significance of empire.

Evaluation:

Two 5-7-pp. papers-critical overviews of the week's readings (one has to address readings concerned with Western experience, the other must consider Russia)=20% + 20%=**40%**

Presentation on a week's readings (it must be on a topic other than the two papers)=**30%**

Participation=**30%**

Books for purchase:

Sven Lindqvist, *Exterminate All the Brutes* (New York: New Press, 1996); **ISBN-13:** 978-1565843592

Michael Adas, *Machines As the Measure of Men: Science, Technology, and Ideologies of Western Dominance* (1990); **ISBN-13:** 978-0801497605

Francine Hirsch, *An Empire of Nations: Ethnographic Knowledge and the Making of the Soviet Union* (Cornell UP; **ISBN-13:** 978-0801489082)

Joseph Morgan Hodge, *Triumph of the Expert: Agrarian Doctrines of Development and the Legacies of British Colonialism* (Ohio UP, 2007).

Mark Mazower, *Hitler's Empire: How the Nazis Ruled Europe* (Penguin; **ISBN-13:** 978-0143116103)

Other readings are also mandatory, they will be available on Blackboard.

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E-culture policy: email is the best way to contact me. I will respond at my nearest convenience. **No laptops, mobile phones etc. are allowed in the classroom.**

I. Introduction (January 23)

II. Debates I (January 30)

- Ann Laura Stoler and Frederick Cooper, "Between Metropole and Colony: Rethinking a Research Agenda," in Cooper and Stoler, eds., *Tensions of Empire: Colonial Cultures in a Bourgeois World* (Berkeley, 1997), pp. 1-56.
- Patrick Wolfe, "History and Imperialism: A Century of Theory, from Marx to Postcolonialism," *American Historical Review*, April 1997, Vol. 102, No. 2, pp. 388-420.
- Michael Geyer and Charles Bright, "World History in a Global Age," *American Historical Review*, 100 (October 1995): 1015-1033.
- Paul Kramer, "Power and Connection: Imperial Histories of the United States in the World," *AHR* (December, 2011): 1348-91
- Ann Laura Stoler, "Considerations on Imperial Comparisons," in Ilya Gerasimov et.al, *Empire Speaks Out: Languages of Rationalization and Self-Description in the Russian Empire* (Boston: Brill, 2009), 33-58.

III. Debates II: the Russian Case (Feb 6)

- Ronald Suny, "The Empire Strikes Out: Imperial Russia, 'National' Identity, and Theories of Empire" in Suny and Martin, *A State of Nations: Empire and Nation-Making in the Age of Lenin and Stalin*, 23-57.
- Beissinger, Mark, "The Persisting Ambiguity of Empire," *Post-Soviet Affairs* 2 (1995): 149-184.
- Willard Sunderland, "Empire without Imperialism? Ambiguities of Colonization in Tsarist Russia," *Ab Imperio* no. 2 (2003): 101-114.
- Mark von Hagen, "Empires, Borderlands, and Diasporas: Eurasia as Anti-Paradigm for the Post-Soviet Era," *AHR* vol. 109, no. 2 (April 2004): 445-468.
- Dominic Lieven, "The Russian Empire and the Soviet Union as Imperial Polities," *The Journal of Contemporary History* vol. 30, no. 4 (October, 1995): 607-636.
- Kotkin, Stephen, "Mongol Commonwealth?: Exchange and Governance across the Post-Mongol Space," *Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History* Vol. 8, Nr. 3 (Summer 2007): 487-53.
- Ilya Gerasimov et.al, "New Imperial History and the Challenges of Empire," in Gerasimov et.al, *Empire Speaks Out: Languages of Rationalization and Self-Description in the Russian Empire* (Boston: Brill, 2009), 3-32.

IV. State Building I (February 13)

- Mahmood Mamdani, *Citizen and Subject: Contemporary Africa and the Legacy of Late Colonialism* (Princeton, N. J.: Princeton University Press, c1996), chaps. I-III (3-108)

- Ronald Robinson, "Non-European Foundations of European Imperialism: Sketch for a Theory of Collaboration," in Robert Owen and Bob Sutcliffe, eds. *Studies in the Theory of Imperialism* (London: Longman Group, Ltd., 1972), pp. 117-142.
- Bernard Cohn, "Representing Authority in Victorian India," in *An Anthropologist Among the Historians and Other Essays* (Oxford, New York: Oxford University Press, 1987), pp. 632-679.

V. State Building II (February 20)

- Velychenko, Stephen. "Identities, Loyalties and Service in Imperial Russia: Who Administered the Borderlands?" *The Russian Review* 54 (1995): **188-208**
- Raeff, Marc. "Patterns of Russian Imperial Policy toward the Nationalities." In *Soviet Nationality Problems*, ed. Edward Allworth, pp. **22-42**.
- Pipes, Richard. "The Anatomy of the Patrimonial Regime" in *Russia Under the Old Regime*, pp. **85-111**.
- George Weickhardt, "Pre-Petrine Property Law," *Slavic Review* vol. 52, issue 4 (1993): 663-79
- Pipes-Exhardt Exchange in *Slavic Review* vol. 53, issue 2 (1994): 524-538;
- Willard Sunderland, "The Ministry of Asiatic Russia: The Colonial Office That Never Was But Might Have Been," *Slavic Review* vol. 69, nr 1 (Spring 2010): 120-150.
- Frederick Starr, "The Tsarist Government: the Imperial Dimension" in J. R. Azrael, ed., *Soviet Nationality Policies and Practices* (New York: Praeger, 1978), 3-38.

VI. Violence I (February 27)

- Sven Lindqvist, *Exterminate All the Brutes* (New York: New Press, c1996)
- Daniel R. Headrick, *The Tools of Empire: Technology and European Imperialism in the Nineteenth Century* (New York : Oxford University Press, 1981), chs. 4-7 (83-126)
- David Killingray and David Omissi, eds., *Guardians of Empire: The Armed Forces of the Colonial Powers, c. 1700-1964* (Manchester; New York: Manchester University Press, 1999), chs. 1, 3, 9 (1-24, 53-69, 180-194).
- Helmut Walser Smith, "The Logic of Colonial Violence: Germany in Southwest Africa (1904-1907); the United States in the Philippines (1899-1902)." In: *German and American Nationalism*, ed. by Hartmut Lehmann and Hermann Wellenreuther (Oxford, Berg Publishers, 1999), 205-231.

VII. Violence II (March 5)

- Ilya Gerasimov, "We Only Kill Each Other": Mapping the Inter-Ethnic Criminal Violence in Odessa, 1907-1917," *Ab Imperio* 1/2003
- Eric Lohr, "The Russian Army and the Jews: Mass Deportation, Hostages and Violence during WW I" in *The Russian Review* 60 (July, 2001): 404-19;
- Frithjof Benjamin Schenk, "Attacking the Empire's Achilles Heels: Railroads and Terrorism in Tsarist Russia," *Jahrbücher für Geschichte Osteuropas*, vol. 58, issue 2 (2010): 232-253

Forum on Violence in Russian History in *Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History* 4.3:

“From the Editors: Violence, ‘Political’ Violence, and Terror in Russian History (485-490)

Chester S. L. Dunning, “Terror in the Time of Troubles,” (491-513).

Paul W. Werth, “Coercion and Conversion: Violence and the Mass Baptism of the Volga Peoples, 1740-55” (543-569)

Peter Holquist, “Violent Russia, Deadly Marxism? Russia in the Epoch of Violence, 1905-21,” (627-652).

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VIII. Race I (March 19)

Michael Adas, *Machines As the Measure of Men: Science, Technology, and Ideologies of Western Dominance* (1990), 1-342.

Louis S. Warren, “Buffalo Bill Meets Dracula: William F. Cody, Bram Stoker and the Frontiers of Racial Decay” in *AHR* vol. 107, nr. 4 (October 2002): 1124-1157

R. A. Huttenback, “The British Empire as a ‘White Man’s Country:’ Racial Attitudes and Immigration Legislation in the Colonies of White Settlement,” *The Journal of British Studies* vol. 13, nr. 1 (November 1973): 108-137.

IX. Race II (March 26)

Weeks, Theodor. “Slavdom, Civilization, Russification: Comments on Russia’s World-Historical Mission, 1861-1878.” *Ab Imperio*, 4 (2002): 223-248.

Dana Sherry, “Kavkaztsy: Images of Caucasus and Politics of Empire in the Memoirs of the Caucasus Corps’ Officers, 1834-1859” in *Ab Imperio* 2 (2002): 191-222.

Juliette Cadiot “Searching for Nationality: Statistics and National Categories at the End of the Russian Empire (1897–1917),” *Russian Review* vol. 64 (JULY 2005): 440-55;

Chia Yin Hsu “A Tale of Two Railroads: “Yellow Labor,” Agrarian Colonization, and the Making of Russianness at the Far Eastern Frontier, 1890s–1910s” *Ab Imperio* 3 (2006): 217-253

Editors, “Jews as an “Imperial Nation?” in *Ab Imperio* 4/2003: 15-20.

Eli Weinerman, “Racism, Racial Prejudice and Jews in Late Imperial Russia,” *Ethnic and Racial Studies* vol. 17, nr. 3 (July 1994): 442-95.

X. Knowledge I (April 2)

Joseph Morgan Hodge, *Triumph of the Expert: Agrarian Doctrines of Development and the Legacies of British Colonialism* (Ohio UP, 2007).

XI. Knowledge II (April 9)

- N. Knight, "Science, Empire, Nationality: Ethnography in the Russian Geographical Society, 1845-1855," in Burbank and Ransel, *Imperial Russia: New Histories for the Empire.*, 108-141.
- Thompson, Ewa. *Imperial Knowledge: Russian Literature and Colonialism* (Greenwood Press, 2000), pp. 1, 15-47, 109-115.
- Peter Holquist, "'In Accord with State Interests and the People's Wishes': The Technocratic Ideology of Imperial Russia's Resettlement Administration." *Slavic Review* vol. 69, nr. 1 (Spring 2010), 151-179.
- David Schimmelpennick van der Oye, *Russian Orientalism: Russia in the Russian Mind from Peter the Great to the Emigration* (New Haven: Yale UP, 2010), 1-11, 199-240.
- Mark Bassin, "Inventing Siberia: Visions of the Russian East in the Early Nineteenth Century," *AHR*, 3 (1991): 763-794
- Brower, Daniel. "Islam and Ethnicity: Russian Colonial Policy in Turkestan." In *Russia's Orient*, 115-133.

XII. April 16

Francine Hirsch, *An Empire of Nations: Ethnographic Knowledge and the Making of the Soviet Union* (Cornell UP; **ISBN-13:** 978-0801489082)

XIII. April 23

Mark Mazower, *Hitler's Empire: How the Nazis Ruled Europe* (Penguin; **ISBN-13:** 978-0143116103)

XIV April 30

Concluding discussion