IMPERIAL COMPARISON

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER
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### Timetable

All ‘A’ panels will take place in the Old Library.
All ‘B’ panels will take place in the Wharton Room.

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| 5.30-6.45      | **Keynote address:** Professor Ann Laura Stoler  
|                | ‘Concept-work at the limits of comparison’ | (Old Library)     |
| 7.00           | Drinks reception                           | (Great Quad if fine) |
| 7.30           | Dinner                                     | (Hall)            |

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Panel details

Session 1

Panel A      Official minds
Chair: Alex Middleton (Oxford)

John Slight, Cambridge (jps50@cam.ac.uk)
Governing Islam: Anglo-French comparisons, connections and co-operation, c.1870-1930

Patrick Bernhard, Trinity College Dublin (dr.patrickbernhard@web.de)
The missing link: Italian colonialism as an inspirational force for the Nazis' dream of empire

Roy Dilley, St Andrews (rmd@st-andrews.ac.uk)
Imperial entanglements and colonial connections in French West Africa: Henri Gaden among the Almamy and the ‘English’.

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Panel B      State imaginaries
Chair: Aaron Jakes (New School)

Andrew Arsan, Cambridge (aka25@cam.ac.uk)
Restoring comparison in full, or late Ottoman debates on constitutionalism as comparative exercises

Alex Marshall, Oxford (r.alex.marshall@gmail.com)
A Jewish state from black, red and gold Ribbons: Theodor Herzl's Zionism and other countries

Natalya Vince, Portsmouth (natalya.vince@port.ac.uk)
Models and anti-models in the construction of Algerian womanhood after independence

Session 2

Panel A      Incarceration
Chair: Jonas Kreienbaum (Rostock)

Aidan Forth, Loyola University Chicago (aforth@luc.edu)
Concentration camps: an inter-imperial history

Michael Offerman, Bern (michael.offerman@hist.unibe.ch)
‘The Colonial Office is girding up its loins with regard to its prisons [...] and India must not be left behind': imperial comparisons and British India's prison system, 1830s-1860s.

Wm Matthew Kennedy, Sydney, (wmmkennedy@gmail.com), and Chris Holdridge, University of the Free State (chrisholdridge@gmail.com)

Captive colonialism: imperial rivalry and the internment of prisoners of war during the South African War, 1899-1902

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Panel B  Technocrats
Chair: Hannah-Louise Clark (Oxford)

Yael Berda, Hebrew University of Jerusalem (yaelberda@gmail.com)
Administrative memory: imperial legacies of population management from the Mughal and Ottoman to the British Empire's Palestine, India and Cyprus

Vincent O’Malley, HistoryWorks (vincent.omalley@historyworks.co.nz)
A ‘brooding sense of wrong’: comparing land confiscation policies

Miles Larmer, Oxford (miles.larmer@history.ox.ac.uk)
Comparing copperbelts: Belgian and British colonial knowledge production and exchange in mid-20th century Central Africa

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Session 3

Panel A  Empires in the same oceans
Chair: Mark Thurner (Institute of Latin American Studies)

Henner Kropp, Regensburg (henner.kropp@ur.de)
Imperial expansion into the North Pacific, 1784-1825: distinctions and entanglements from a colonial perspective

David Flaherty, Virginia (david.flaherty@virginia.edu)
Model and menace: comparisons with France and British empire-building in the eighteenth-century Atlantic

Matthew Wyman-McCarthy, Columbia (mw3048@columbia.edu)
‘Putting our negligence to shame’: perceptions of foreign slave laws in late eighteenth-century Britain

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Panel B  Questions of sovereignty
Chair: Natasha Wheatley (Sydney)

Jessica Hower, Southwestern (howerj@southwestern.edu)
Auld enemies and auld empires: Scotland, England, and early modern British imperialism

Milinda Banerjee, Presidency University Calcutta (milindabanerjee1@gmail.com)
Imperial comparison and the (re-) structuring of sovereignty in South Asia: British and Indian discourses, ca. 1870-1920

Russell Foster, Amsterdam (russ266@hotmail.com)
‘Divers sundry old authentic histories’: the translatio imperii in 19th century British imperial rule

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Session 4

Panel A    Intermediaries
Chair: Miles Larmer (Oxford)

Timo McGregor, New York University (timo.mcgregor@nyu.edu)
‘Neighborly corserse and correspondency’: colonial diplomacy in an Anglo-Dutch borderland, 1627-1664

Julie Kalman, Monash (julie.kalman@monash.edu)
Going beyond the national narrative of imperial history: the place of intermediaries in imperial comparison

Filipa Vicente, Lisbon (filipa.vicente@ics.ulisboa.pt)
‘Goa is a place an Englishman ought to visit’: British writers on the fall of the Portuguese Empire in India (1850-1950)

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Panel B    Locating Europe
Chair: Stephen Smith (Oxford)

Adam Mestyan, Harvard (mestyan@fas.harvard.edu)
The (Ottoman) Arab idea of Eastern Europe: comparing Eastern European developments to Ottoman Arab politics

Natasha Wheatley, Sydney, (natasha.wheatley@sydney.edu.au) & Harshan Kumarasingham, Max Planck Institute for European Legal History (kumarasingham@rg.mpg.de)
The multidirectional traffic in imperial legal analogy between the British and Austro-Hungarian empires

Cristina Blanco Sio-Lopez, European University Institute (cristina.blanco.sio-lopez@eui.eu)
From the ‘Soviet empire’ to the ‘EU as empire’: comparing evolving historical discourses of empire status and resistance in the building of EU’s eastward enlargement, 1989-2004
Session 5

Panel A  Internationalisation
Chair: Yael Berda (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Florian Wagner, European University Institute (florian.wagner@eui.eu)
‘Why invent if inventions already exist?’: how comparative methods reshaped colonialism, 1880-1940

Miguel Bandeira Jerónimo, Coimbra (mbjeronimo@gmail.com)
Contested comparisons: the internationalization of standards of imperial civilization in the interwar period

Sean Brady, Trinity College Dublin (bradys2@tcd.ie)
Shadows of empire: imperial comparisons and Italian experiences of occupation in Ottoman Anatolia, 1918-1923

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Panel B  The politics of distance
Chair: Andrew Arsan (Cambridge)

Satoshi Mizutani, Doshisha (mizutanis0606@gmail.com)
Contentious comparisons: the British empire and Korea's claim for independence from Japan c.1905-1925

Michael Talbot, Greenwich (m.h.talbot@greenwich.ac.uk)
Resistance, equality, civilization: Ottoman views of empire in Southeast Asia in the later nineteenth century

Sejung Ahn, Minnesota (ahnxx082@umn.edu)
The Irish question in colonial Korea

Session 6

Panel A  Comparisons at the end of empire
Chair: Margret Frenz (Oxford)

Thomas Sharp, Oxford Brookes (tsharp@brookes.ac.uk)
‘The British were the best colonial masters an African could wish for’: Imperial comparison as nationalist resistance in Cameroon

Sneha Krishnan, Oxford (sneha.krishnan@sjc.ox.ac.uk)
Benevolent France and imperial Britain in South India

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Panel B  No end in sight?
Chair: Hedi Viterbo (SOAS)

Jean Smith, King’s College London (jean.smith@kcl.ac.uk)
The apartheid alibi: the intertwined histories of race and immigration in South Africa and the United Kingdom, 1948-1994

Chloe Gill-Kahn, South Australia (cgillkhan@gmail.com)
British and French race relations after empire

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Session 7

Panel A  Contentious analogies
Chair: Arthur Asseraf (Oxford)

Stuart Aveyard, University College Dublin (stuart.aveyard@ucd.ie)
The Northern Ireland conflict and the colonial analogy

Donglai Shi, Oxford (donlai.shi@st-hughs.ox.ac.uk)
The comparatist scramble for (post-) colonial Taiwan: a brief examination of academic discourses comparing Taiwan within the inter-Asian referencing framework

Jesse Kaufmann, Eastern Michigan (jesse.kaufmann@emich.edu)
An Answer in Search of a Question: Colonialism and the History of German-Polish Relations

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Panel B  Intra-imperial comparisons
Chair: Hussein Omar (Oxford)

Arie Dubnov, Haifa (audubnov@univ.haifa.ac.il)
Partition as a traveling theory? Imperial federalism, ‘dominionization’, and the India-Ireland-Palestine triangular

Erin O’Halloran, Oxford (erin.ohalloran@sant.ox.ac.uk)
Renegotiating empire: Britain, India and the Middle East, 1936-1942

Lucy Chester, Colorado (lucy.chester@colorado.edu)
India and the Palestine mandate: anti-colonial connections and the end of empire