

Harvard International & Global History Seminar - Past

Past Sessions (since 2003)

2015-2016

September 23

[Philip J. Stern](#), Duke University

"The Nomos of the Island: Law and Geography in the Anglo-Portuguese 'Transfer' of Bombay"

September 30

[Michael Goebel](#), Free University, Berlin

"Anti-Imperial Metropolis: The Politics of Africans, Asians, and Latin Americans in Interwar Paris"

October 21

[Jennifer Pitts](#), University of Chicago

"Boundaries of the International: A Contribution to the Critical History of International Law"

November 18

Arnulf Becker Lorca, Brown University

"Critical Rather than Realist or Idealist Histories; and Global Rather than International History: Beyond Mestizo International Law"

February 10

[Elizabeth Borgwardt](#), Washington University in St. Louis

"Commerce and Complicity: Corporate Responsibility for Human Rights Abuses as a Legacy of Nuremberg"

March 2

[Daniel Immerwahr](#), Northwestern

"How to Hide an Empire: Geography and Power in the Greater United States"

April 6

[Timothy Nunan](#), Harvard Academy

"Eurasian Crossings: The Soviet Union, the Left, and 'Eurasia' in the Twentieth Century"

2014-2015

HIGHS hiatus (co-chairs on leave)

2013-2014

September 18

Panel: "The Collapse of Communism in Europe: New Perspectives" (25th anniversary of 1989)

Speakers: Serhii Plokhii and Mary E. Sarotte

Respondents: Charles Maier and Terry Martin

October 2

** 4:15 PM, The Belfer Case Study Room, CGIS-020, 1730 Cambridge Street **

Sunil S. Amrith, Birkbeck, University of London

"Crossing the Bay of Bengal: The Furies of Nature and the Fortunes of Migrants"

** History and Economics Seminar event co-sponsored by HIGHS **

October 16

Davide Rodogno, The Graduate Institute, Geneva

"Beyond relief in the Near East: the Near East Relief humanitarian practices and visions during the 1920s"

Comment: Eva Bitran, Harvard University

November 13

Jennifer Burns, Stanford University

"Milton Friedman: The Economist as Historian"

** co-sponsored with the Center on History and Economics

February 12

Brad Simpson, University of Connecticut

"Self-determination, economic sovereignty and international history"

Comment: Barnaby Crowcroft, Harvard University

March 5

David Engerman, Brandeis

"Planning for Prosperity: The Economic Cold War in India"

Comment: Lydia Walker, Harvard University

March 26

Stella Ghervas, Harvard & Maison des Sciences de l'Homme d'Aquitaine

"Balance of Power vs. Perpetual Peace: Evolution of the Paradigms of European Order from Utrecht to Vienna (1713-1815)"

Comment: Marco Basile, Harvard University

April 9

Asher Orkaby, Ph.D. Candidate, Harvard University

"The International History of the Yemeni Civil War (1962-70)"

Comment: Timothy Nunan, Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies

April 11 SPECIAL EVENT

Conference: "The Power of Peace: New Perspectives on the Congress of Vienna (1814-1815)"

Friday, April 11, 2:00pm - 6:00pm, Lower Level Conference Room, Busch Hall

Co-sponsored by HIGHS and the Center for European Studies. For full details see [here](#).

2012-2013**September 19**

Niall Ferguson, Laurence A. Tisch Professor of History, Harvard University

"Institutions and Development: An International Historical Approach"

Comment:

James Robinson, David Florence Professor of Government, Harvard University

Tamara Kay, Associate Professor of Sociology, Harvard University

October 10

Chen Jian, Michael J. Zak Chair of History for US China Relations, Cornell University

"China, the Third World, and the Global Cold War"

Comment: Steffen Rimner, Ph.D. Candidate, Harvard University

November 28

Jo Guldi, Assistant Professor of History, Brown University

"The Long Land War: A Global History of Land Reform, c. 1860-Present"

Comment: Kirsten Weld, Assistant Professor of History, Harvard University

February 13

Vanessa Ogle, Assistant Professor of History, University of Pennsylvania

"The Many Worlds That Unifying Time Created, 1880-1930"

Comment: Heidi Tworek, Harvard University

March 6 (Room change: Robinson Hall, Lower Library)

Daniel Sargent, Assistant Professor of History, University of California, Berkeley

"Managing Interdependence: The Experience of the United States in the mid-1970s"

Comment: Hassan Malik, Harvard University

April 3

Jenny Andersson, CNRS Fellow and Researcher, Sciences Po

"Forging the American future: Forecasting from RAND to the Commission for the Year 2000"

Comment: Lydia Walker, Harvard University

April 17 (Robinson Hall Lower Library)

****Special Event on Digital History/Big Data, co-sponsored with the History Department****

Matthew Connelly, Professor of History, Columbia University

"Decoding Official Secrecy: Computational Analysis of Hundreds of Thousands of Declassified Documents"

April 24

Mira Siegelberg, Ph.D. Candidate, Harvard University

"Is Statelessness Actually Evil? Codifying Statelessness at the United Nations and Beyond, 1954-1964"

Comment: Samuel Moyn, Columbia University

2011-2012

September 14

Charles Maier, Harvard University

"Once within Borders: A History of Territoriality since 1500"

Comment: Mira Siegelberg, Harvard University

October 5

Julian Go, Boston University

"Anti-Colonialism in the U.S. Empire, 1899-1935"

Comment: Andrew Baker, Harvard University

October 26

Ian Morris, Stanford University

"War: What is it Good For?"

Comment: Andrew Coe, Harvard University

November 16

Rachel St John, Harvard University

"The Imagined America of William McKendree Gwin: Individual Ambition and the Uneven Path of American Expansion"

Comment: Shaun Nichols, Harvard University

February 15

Tanisha Fazal, Columbia University

"Declaring War and Peace"

Comment: Danny Orbach, Harvard University

March 7

Faculty roundtable: "Is All History Global?"

Participants: Joyce Chaplin, Michael McCormick, Charles Maier, Erez Manela. Chair: David Armitage

March 28

Frank Costigliola, University of Connecticut

"The Emotions of George Kennan"

Comment: Eva Bitran

April 20

Colin Kidd, Queen's University, Belfast

"Race, Difference and the Origins of British Anthropology"

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2010-2011

September 15

Andrew Preston, University of Cambridge

"Religion and Morality in Franklin Roosevelt's Diplomatic Thought"

Comment:

Monica Toft, Harvard Kennedy School
Leigh Schmidt, Harvard Divinity School

October 6

Jessica Gienow-Hecht , University of Köln
"How to Sell the State: Nation Branding, Civil Society and Cultural Diplomacy since 1850"
Comment: Ann Wilson (Harvard University)

October 27

Fredrik Logevall, Cornell University
International history of the Franco-Vietminh War
Comment: Eva Bitran (Harvard University)

November 17

Daniel Cohen, Rice University
"European Refugees and "Population Redistribution" in the Early Cold War Period"
Comment: Elisa Minoff (Harvard University)

February 16

Mary Elise Sarotte, University of Southern California
"Transatlantic Architectures of Order: The United States and the Shaping of Post-Cold War Europe"
Comment: Philip Fileri (Harvard University)

March 9

Penny von Eschen, University of Michigan
"'God I Miss the Cold War': Emergent Nostalgias and New Enemies in the Former West and East"
Comment: Uta Poiger (University of Washington)

March 30

Jane Hong, Harvard University
"Ending Asian Exclusion: Independence, Immigration, & the India League of America during World War II"
Comment: Sugata Bose (Harvard University)

April 20

Susan Pedersen, Columbia University
"A New History of the Mandates System of the League of Nations"
Comment: Erez Manela (Harvard University)

2009-2010

September 24 (Thursday)

Roundtable on the legacy of Ernest R. May
Center for European Studies, Lower Level Conference Room
Please note the special day and venue. No advance papers

Roundtable participants:

Graham Allison (Harvard Kennedy School)

Akira Iriye (Harvard History)

Charles Maier (Harvard History)

Hue-Tam Ho Tai (Harvard History)

Philip Zelikow (University of Virginia)

October 14

Jeremi Suri (University of Wisconsin, Madison)

"A Nation-Building People: American Efforts at International Control without Empire, and the Consequences"

Comment: Vernie Oliveiro (Harvard University)

November 4

Alison Bashford (University of Sydney)

"Food, Soil, People: Geopolitics and the World Population in the Mid-Twentieth Century"

Comment: Paul Cruickshank (Harvard University)

December 2

*** Special venue: CGIS S-020 (Belfer Case Study Room) ***

Linda Colley (Princeton University)

"Gendering the Globe: The Political and Imperial Thought of Philip Francis"

Comment: Penny Sinanoglu (Harvard University)

February 3

Alison Frank (Harvard University)

"The Fool's Duty: Cocaine Smuggling in the Austrian Empire and India, 1908-1914"

Comment: Steffen Rimner (Harvard University)

February 24

Peter Holquist (University of Pennsylvania)

"Origins of 'crimes against humanity'"

Comment: Mira Siegelberg (Harvard University)

March 22 (*Monday*)

Jeffrey Wasserstrom (University of California, Irvine)

"The Boxer Rebellion in Global Perspective"

Comment: Konrad Lawson (Harvard University)

April 21

Moshik Temkin (Harvard Kennedy School)

"Malcolm X in France: Internationalism and the Limits of Political Tolerance"

Comment: Adam Ewing (Harvard University)

2008-2009

September 24

"The Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 1948-2008: A 60th Anniversary Roundtable"

Participants:

Gary J. Bass (Associate Professor of Politics, Princeton)

Caroline Elkins (Hugo K. Foster Associate Professor of African Studies, Harvard)

Noah Feldman (Bemis Professor of International Law, Harvard Law School)

Ernest May (Charles Warren Professor of American History, Harvard)

October 22

"Continental Empires: The United States and Russia"

Jane Burbank (Professor of History, New York University) and

Fred Cooper (Professor of History, New York University)

November 19

"A World Transformed: A Global History of the Twentieth Century"

William C. Kirby, Edith and Benjamin Geisinger Professor of History, Harvard University, and

Charles S. Maier, Leverett Saltonstall Professor of History, Harvard University, discuss a chapter from their collaborative textbook.

December 3

"Borders of Citizenship: Italian Repatriation after World War II"

Pamela Ballinger (Associate Professor of Anthropology, Bowdoin College)

February 11

William O'Reilly, Lecturer in Early Modern History, University of Cambridge

"Resurrecting Universal Empire: Spain, Europe and the Americas, 1680-1780"

March 11

Erez Manela, Dunwalke Associate Professor of American History, Harvard University

"A Pox on Your Narrative: Writing Disease into Cold War History"

April 8

Victoria de Grazia, Professor of History, Columbia University

"The Soft Power Complex: A Short Critical History"

April 29

Nico Slate, Graduate Student in History, Harvard University

"Non-Violence and the Nation: Gandhian Satyagraha and Racial Equality in the United States during the Second World War"

2007-2008

October 3

"The Abolition of Slavery: Panel Discussion"

Participants:

Emmanuel Akyeampong, Professor of History, Harvard University

Vincent Brown, Dunwalke Associate Professor of American History, Harvard University

Maya Jasanoff, Associate professor of History, Harvard University

Kenneth Maxwell, Visiting Professor of History and Director, Brazilian Studies Program, Harvard University

October 24

John R. McNeill, Professor of History and Cinco Hermanos Chair of Environmental and International Affairs, Georgetown University

"The Cold War and the Biosphere"

November 14

Eric Rauchway, Professor of History, University of California-Davis

"The Nineteenth-Century U.S. as a Developmental State"

December 5

Adam McKeown, Associate Professor of History, Columbia University

"Global Migration and the Politics of Newness"

February 20

David Ekbladh, Tufts University

"Liberalism's Spine: 'Modernization' to Meet the Challenge of Totalitarianism, 1933-1944"

March 12

David C. Engerman, Brandeis University

"Knowing the Cold War Enemy"

April 2

Brendan Simms, University of Cambridge

"The Primacy of European Politics in Eighteenth-century Britain"

April 30

Vernie Oliveira, Harvard University

"Restraining the Leviathans: The United States and the Global Governance of Multinational Corporations in the 1970s"

2006-2007

Time: Wednesdays, 4:00-6:00 p.m., unless otherwise indicated.

Location: CGIS South (1730 Cambridge St.), Room S-050

September 27

Mark Mazower (Columbia University)
"The Nazi New Order in World History"

October 18

Adriane Lentz-Smith (UNC-Chapel Hill)
"Black Manhood & Black Internationalism in the Jazz Age"

November 15

Daniel Sargent (Harvard University)
"Crucible of Globalism: Human Rights, Transnational Politics, and the Transformation of American Foreign Policy, 1968-1980"

December 13

Mary Lewis (Harvard University)
"Ending Extraterritoriality? European Consular Justice and the French Rule of Law in Tunisia, 1880s-1920s"

February 14

Duncan Bell (University of Cambridge)
"Virtue and Empire: Nineteenth-Century Liberal and Republican Visions of Imperialism"

March 7

Mark Elliott (Harvard University)
"The Manchus and the Idea of Modern China"

April 4

David Igler (UC-Irvine)
"'Ocean of Business': The Geography of Commerce in the Eastern Pacific Basin, 1770s-1840s"

May 2

Elizabeth Borgwardt (Washington University of St. Louis)
"Re-examining Nuremberg as a New Deal Institution: Politics, Culture, and the Limits of Law in Generating Human Rights Norms"

Please Note Different Location and Time: Lower Library, Robinson Hall, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

2005-2006

Time: Wednesdays, 4:00-6:00 p.m., unless otherwise indicated.

Location: All sessions will be held in the Basement Seminar Room, in Robinson Hall.

October 5

Emma Rothschild (King's College, Cambridge and Harvard University)
"Anxiety and Colonial Administration in Eighteenth-Century France"

October 26

KC Johnson (Brooklyn College)

"Congress and the Cold War, 1947-1987"

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November 16

C.A. Bayly (University of Cambridge)

"European Thought and the Wider World in the Nineteenth Century: A Provisional Agenda"

December 14

Evan Dawley (Harvard University)

"Constructing Identities in a Colonial and Post-Colonial Taiwanese City, 1895-1948"

February 8 (CGIS)

Niall Ferguson (Harvard University)

"The War of the World: Rethinking Global Conflict in the Twentieth Century"

March 8 (CGIS)

Michael Auslin (Yale University)

"Cultural Exchange and the Cosmopolitan Impulse: Mapping the U.S.-Japan Relationship"

April 12 (BSR)

Lauren Benton (New York University)

"Landlocked: The Legal Puzzles of Quasi-Sovereign Colonial Enclaves"

Thursday, April 20 (BSR), 12:00-2:00

Andrew Preston (University of Victoria/Yale University)

"The War Council: McGeorge Bundy, the NSC, and Vietnam"

* Co-Sponsored by the Charles Warren Center's Kohn Family Fund in U.S. Military and Security History

May 3 (CGIS)

Rachel St. John (Harvard University)

"Between Nations: American Landowners and the Politics of Corporate Citizenship on the U.S.-Mexico Border"

2004-2005

Time: Wednesdays, 4:00-6:00 p.m., unless otherwise indicated.

Location: LL=Lower Library BSR=Basement Seminar Room (in Robinson Hall).

October 13 (LL)

Panel Discussion: The Great Depression as Global History

Charles Maier, Sugata Bose, John Coatsworth, and Roger Owen (Harvard University)
Chair: Akira Iriye (Harvard University)

Tuesday, November 2 (BSR)

Matthew Connelly (Columbia University)
"Unnatural History: Population Control and the Struggle to Remake Humanity"

November 17 (LL)

David Blackbourn (Harvard University)
"What Would a "Transnational" History of Imperial Germany Look Like?"

December 15 (LL)

Aviel Roshwald (Georgetown University)
"The Nation in History and the Curved Arrow of Time"

February 16 (LL)

Charles Maier (Harvard University)
"Among Empires: American Ascendancy and Its Predecessors"

March 16 (LL)

Paul Kramer (Johns Hopkins University)
"The Blood of Government: Race and Empire Between the United States and the Philippines"

April 12 (BSR)

Eric Tagliacozzo (Cornell University)
"Remembering Devotion: Oral History and the Pilgrimage to Mecca from Southeast Asia"

April 20 (LL)

Julian Zelizer (Boston University)
"The Death of Detente: President Gerald Ford and the Rise of a Neo-Conservative National Security Agenda"
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2003-2004

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October 1 (LL)

"100 Years to the Russo-Japanese War - A Colloquium"
Sugata Bose (Harvard University)

Akira Iriye (Harvard University)
John LeDonne (Harvard University)

October 29 (LL)

Charles S. Maier (Harvard University)
"An American Empire? Implication for Democracy, Order, and Disorder in World Politics"

November 16 (BSR)

Cemil Aydin (Ohio State University)
"The Role of Anti-Western Ideas in International History: The Cases of Pan-Islamism and Pan-Asianism"

February 11 (LL)

Ron Robin (Haifa University, Israel)
"The Outsider as Marginal Scholar: Reflections on the Past, the Foreign, and Comparative Studies in American History"

March 10 (LL)

Jonathan Conant (Harvard University)
"New Rome, New Romans: The Re-Imposition of Imperial Rule in Late Antique North Africa, A.D. 533-698"

March 24 (BSR)

Matthias Zachmann (Heidelberg University)
"Conflict in a Nutshell: Japanese and International Reactions to the Tripartite Intervention (1895)"

April 6 (Tuesday, BSR)

Christopher Goscha (University of Lyon II, France)
"The Maritime Nature of the Wars for Vietnam, 1945-1975"

April 14 (LL)

Olivier Pétré-Grenouilleau (University of Bretagne-Sud and the University Institute of France)
"Rethinking European colonial expansion: Some pointers"

May 5 (LL)

Lisa McGirr (Harvard University) "Transnational Solidarities: The Sacco and Vanzetti Case in Global Perspective"