

Re-examining Empires from the Margins: Towards a New Imperial History of Europe

22–23 October 2021
Munich Centre
for Global History

In-person attendance by invitation only.
Zoom participants must register at:



Venue: LMU Historicum

Friday, Room 001, Schellingstraße 12
Saturday, Room 101, Amalienstr. 73A

Organized by Bernhard Schär and Mikko Toivanen

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Abstract

This two-day international workshop, organised by Dr Bernhard Schär and Dr Mikko Toivanen, brings together scholars working at the forefront of new research into the historical imperial entanglements of European spaces not conventionally thought of as major imperial powers.

Cases considered include, among others, the present-day Nordic countries and parts of Central and Eastern Europe. The purpose of the event is to encourage fruitful dialogue between experts working on different geographical regions, providing an opportunity to take stock and learn from each other, but also to identify gaps in the emerging literature and push the field into fruitful new directions. In particular, the workshop will explore the ways in which a 'view from the margins' can transcend individual national contexts and enrich our global understanding of the transnational workings of empire.

Programme for the international workshop

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FRIDAY 22 October 2021

Room 001 Historicum, Schellingstr. 12

12.00–12.15: Welcome from the Munich Centre for Global History by **Roland Wenzlhuemer**

12.15–12.30: Introductory remarks by **Bernhard Schär and Mikko Toivanen**

12.30–14.00: Session 1 – Diplomatic and political imaginaries, chair: **Bernhard Schär** (LMU München)

Arne Gellrich (University of Bremen): "I am far from sure that I personally can be of any value."
Anna Bugge Wicksell, Valentine Dannevig and the Internationalisation of Globalisation

* **Aryo Makko** (Stockholm University): Carl Georgsson Fleetwood and the Swedish-Norwegian
response to New Imperialism

Elise Mazurié (University of Freiburg): A universal feminism? The Swiss delegation at a French
feminist Congress in Colonial Algeria

14.00–14.20: Coffee break

14.20–16.00: Session 2 – Colonial professionals on the move, chair: **Mikko Toivanen** (LMU München)

* **John Hennessey** (Lund University): Transimperial Occupations – A Perspective Connecting
Individual Lives to Global Imperial History

* **Andrew Mackillop** (University of Glasgow): Rethinking 'comparatively disadvantaged' or
'marginal' Europe: Swiss military migration and the English East India Company, c.1750 –
c.1800

Despina Magkanari (Freie Universität Berlin/St. Petersburg State University): German scholars
and Empire: Julius Klaproth and the Russian imperial politics

Andreja Mesarič (Charles University, Prague): Claiming a European identity from the margins:
Slovenia's celebration of the colonial legacies of 19th century Catholic missions in Africa and
North America

16.00–16.20: Coffee break

16.20–18.00: Session 3 – Transimperial science and collecting, chair: **Marta Grzechnik** (University of
Gdansk)

Katherine Arnold (London School of Economics): Germans as Colonizers in Early Nineteenth-Century
Natural History Collecting

Corinne Geering (Leibniz Institute for the History and Culture of Eastern Europe): Collecting a Rural
Empire: Museums, Colonial Ethnography, and the Countryside in Central and Eastern Europe

Szabolcs László (Indiana University): Small State Orientalism and Imperial History: Hungarian
Explorations and Instrumentalizations of Central Asia

* **Kristín Loftsdóttir** (University of Iceland): Racialized "Bodies" on the Move: Plaster Bust Collections
as Contact Points

Followed by a dinner at a nearby restaurant (tbc)



SATURDAY 23 October 2021

Room 101, Amalienstr. 73A

09.00: Coffee

09.00-11.00: Session 4 – Colonial travel, chair: **Tom Menger** (LMU München)

* **Tomasz Ewertowski** (Shanghai International Studies University): Suffering brothers, supportive victims, willing agents, reluctant soldiers: On the multifarious roles of Poles and Serbs in colonial East and Southeast Asia of the long 19th century

Anna Karakatsouli (University of Athens): A Precolonial Traveler in the Age of Empires: The case of an alternative Greek explorer at the end of the 19th century

* **Valentina Kezić** (University of Zagreb): Colonial Discourse in Carl Lehrman's African Diary (1888-1896)

Janne Lahti (University of Helsinki): Settler Colonial Eyes: Finnish Travel Writers and the Colonization of Petsamo

11.00-11.50: Lunch break

11.50-13.30: Session 5 – Constructing empires, chair: Callie Wilkinson (LMU München)

Eric Burton (University of Innsbruck) & **Lucille Dreidemy** (University of Vienna): For peace and colonies – Paneurope and imperialism by integration in post-Habsburg Austria

Rinna Kullaa (Tampere University): Foreign Subjects as Workforce in the Finnish Districts of the Russian Imperial Army

Sarah M. Schlachetzki (University of Bern): Building Prussia in the East. Silesia, Poland, Postcolonial

13.30-14.00: Coffee break

14.00-15.00: Session 6 - Final comments & discussion, chair: Mikko Toivanen (LMU München)

* **Gunlög Fur** (Linnaeus University)

Zoltán Ginelli (Independent researcher)

* **Felicia Gottmann** (Northumbria University)

* Participants marked with an asterisk will be joining the workshop online.