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THURSDAY 12 MAY 2022

| 9:00 – 9:15 | **INTRODUCTORY REMARKS**

CYRUS **SCHAYEGH**, the Graduate Institute, Geneva

| 9:15 – 10:15 | **KEYNOTE LECTURE**

LOUISE **YOUNG**, Wisconsin / Madison

- Now You See It, Now You Don't: Changing Sightlines on the Japanese Empire

| 10:30 – 11:45 | **PANEL 1 – HISTORIOGRAPHICAL AND CONCEPTUAL REFLECTIONS**

NADINE **HÉE**, Osaka

- Materiality, Space, and Time in Transimperial Histories

VÉRONIQUE **DIMIER**, ULB Bruxelles

- Direct vs Indirect Rule: The Political Use of Colonial and Post-colonial Comparisons

| 13:15 – 14:45 | **PANEL 2 – REGIONS**

NICOLE **CUUNJIENG ABOITIZ**, Cambridge

- The Overlapping 'Regional' and 'Transimperial' at the Turn of the Twentieth Century in Southeast Asia

ANNE-ISABELLE **RICHARD**, Leiden

- Eurafica: Interimperial or Transregional?

ALEXEY **MILLER**, St. Petersburg

- Competition, Cooperation, Restraint and Interconnectedness in a Macro-System of Continental Empires in the Long 19th Century (Romanov, Habsburg, Hohenzollern and Ottoman)

| 15:00 – 16:45 | **PANEL 3 – ECONOMY**

MARC-WILLIAM **PALEN**, Exeter

- Economic Ideologies and Transimperialism

MORITZ **VON BRESCIUS**, Bern

- Ficus Elastica: The Global Pathways of a Failed Plantation Crop

ULRIKE **VON HIRSCHHAUSEN**, Rostock

- Niches of Semi-coloniality: Yu Xiqing in Shanghai 1880–1930

JIAJIA **LIU**, the Graduate Institute, Geneva

- Financial Capitalism on the Periphery: The Rubber Boom and Bust in Shanghai

FRIDAY 13 MAY 2022

| 9:00 – 10:30 | **PANEL 4 – LABOR(ERS) AND MERCHANTS**

M'HAMED OUALDI, Sciences Po

- What the Demise of Slavery in Modern North Africa Tells Us about Transimperial Histories in the Modern Mediterranean

ALEXANDER KEESE, Genève

- The Years When Everything Seemed Possible: The Second World War in Sub-Saharan Africa as an Inter-imperial Laboratory in Exploitation, 1940–45

CHRISTOF DEJUNG, Bern

- Spinning the Wheels of Commerce: Mercantile Elites and the Making of Global Markets

| 10:45 – 12:30 | **PANEL 5 – SETTLERS AND AGRICULTURE**

PETER LAVELLE, Temple

- Overseas Chinese Migration and the Creation of Settler States

MARTIN DUSINBERRE, Zurich

- Reconciling Japanese-Indigenous Histories in the Imperial Pacific World

MONA BIELING, the Graduate Institute, Geneva

- Interimperial Knowledge Creation: Forestry and Botany across the French, German and British Empires in the Late 19th- mid-20th Centuries

| 13:30 – 15:15 | **PANEL 6 – WAR AND VIOLENCE**

ALEXANDER MORRISON, Oxford

- 'Agir à l'Anglais' – Britain, France and Russia in the Imperial Mirror, 1814–1914

VLADIMIR HAMED-TROYANSKY, UC Santa Barbara

- Transimperial Violence: Ethnoreligious Cleansing in the Late Ottoman and Russian Empires

DANIEL HEDINGER, LMU

- The Second World War: A Transimperial History?

MARTIN THOMAS, Exeter

- Insurgent Partners? Imperialist Networks of Influence in 1960s Algeria, Biafra, and Portuguese Africa

| 15:30 – 17:15 | **PANEL 7 – RACE**

ULRIKE LINDNER, Cologne

- Racist Thought as Basic Element of Co-operation between Fin-de-siècle Empires: Scope and Limits

SOEREN URBANSKY, German Historical Institute / Berkeley

- Different Shades of Yellow: Racial Discrimination in a Trans-imperial Context

PATRICK BERNHARD, Oslo

- Libya in Poland and Palestine: Fascism's Imperial Biopolitics and Its International Imprint

EILEEN RYAN, Temple

- Troubling the Italian Color Line under the Fascist Race Laws

SATURDAY 14 MAY 2022

| 9:00 – 10:45 | **PANEL 8 – INSTITUTIONS OF KNOWLEDGE**

DAMIANO MATASCI, Genève

- Inter-imperial Institutions and Scientific Cooperation in Late Colonial Africa

GEORGE STEINMETZ, Michigan

- The Colonial Origins of European Social Thought

DANIEL LAQUA, Northumbria

- University Students as Subjects and Actors of Transimperial History: A Case Study

MIGUEL BANDEIRA JERÓNIMO, Coimbra

- The Politics of Interimperial Exchanges: Contexts, Actors, Dynamics (1940s–1960s)

| 11:00 – 12:30 | **PANEL 9 – CULTURE**

NILE GREEN, UCLA

- Translating Confucius for the Indian Reading Public

HARALD FISCHER-TINÉ, ETHZ

- Clash of Empires or Changing of the Guard? American Influence and Involvement in British India c. 1900–1940

| 13:30 – 15:15 | **PANEL 10 – LAW**

JENNY DAY, Skidmore

- Political Crimes and International Law in Modern China, 1840–1949

LALE CAN, CCNY

- Caliphate of Difference: Foreign Muslims and Differentiated Rights in the Late Ottoman Empire

FLORIAN WAGNER, Erfurt

- Global Islam and the Law of Empire: Imperial Emulation and the Role of 'Indigenous' Knowledge (1890s–1920s)

ANNA DIEM, the Graduate Institute, Geneva

- At the Crossroads of Crumbling Empires: Contending Languages of Legitimation in Egyptian Politics in Exile in the Early Twentieth Century

| 15:30 – 17:15 | **PANEL 11 – NATION(ALISM)S**

RONALD GRIGOR SUNY, Michigan

- Logics of Nations and Empires: From Definitions to Explanations

SHELLEN X. WU, Tennessee

- Rethinking the Transition from Empire to Nation-State

LEYLA AMZI-ERDOGDULAR, Rutgers

- Afterlives of Empire: Post-Ottoman Muslims in Southeastern Europe

DAVID MOTZAFI-HALLER, the Graduate Institute, Geneva

- Light onto the Nations: The Phantom Pains of Empire Captured in Israeli Family Photography

| 17:30 – 18:00 | **CONCLUDING PLENARY DISCUSSION**