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Course Description: This research seminar is organized around the subject of British imperialism. Given the fact that Britain was an imperial power for more than five centuries and its influence extended across much of the globe, this subject should supply plenty of choices for research topics. We will discuss two kinds of common readings during the semester, historiographical essays that introduce major debates and schools of thought and research essays that offer provocative and innovative ways of doing imperial history. We also will examine professional issues related to scholarly research and publication and engage in the mutual evaluation of project statements and final papers. Most of your time and attention, however, will be directed to your individual research projects. These projects should draw on primary source materials and result in original research papers that come as close as possible to publishable quality.

Requirements: The main requirement for this seminar is a 25-35 page research paper (60%). The paper will examine a subject related in some way to British imperialism, selected in consultation with me. In addition, you will be expected to prepare a research grant proposal (10%), a provisional annotated bibliography (5%), a critical analysis of the historiography on your subject (10%), an oral report on your project (5%), and participate in seminar discussions of common readings and individual reports (10%).

Available for purchase: Robin Winks, ed., *The Oxford History of the British Empire, Vol. 5: Historiography*

Other readings will be available through electronic library resources or Blackboard.

Date and Subject

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| Sept 4 | Introductions |
| Sept 11 | Imperial Historiography
Winks, <i>Historiography</i> , chs. 1-3, 40
Dane Kennedy, "The Boundaries of Oxford's Empire," <i>International History Review</i> , 23, 3 (Sept 2001): 604-622. |
| Sept 18 | Greater Britain
David Armitage, "Greater Britain: A Useful Category of Historical Analysis?" <i>American Historical Review</i> , 104(April 1999): 427-45.
Carl Bridge & Kent Fedorowich, "Mapping the British World," in Bridge & Fedorowich, <i>The British World</i> (London, 2003): 1-15
Winks, <i>Historiography</i> , chs. 8-10. |

- Sept 25 **The New Imperial History (research grant proposal due)**
 Antoinette Burton, "Who Needs the Nation? Interrogating 'British' History," *Journal of Historical Sociology*, 10(Sept 1997): 227-48.
 Catherine Hall & Sonya Rose, "Introduction," to Hall & Rose (eds), *At Home With the Empire* (Cambridge, 2006): 1-31.
 Richard Price, "One Big Thing: Britain, Its Empire, and Their Imperial Culture," *Journal of British Studies*, 45, 3 (July 2006): 602-27.
- Oct 2 **Subaltern Studies (bibliography due)**
 Dipesh Chakrabarty, "A Small History of *Subaltern Studies*," in *Habitations of Modernity*, ch. 1
 Gyan Prakash, "Subaltern Studies as Postcolonial Criticism," *American Historical Review*, 99, 5 (Dec 1994): 1475-90.
 Rosalind O'Hanlon, "Recovering the Subject: Subaltern Studies," *Modern Asian Studies* (1988): 189-224.
 Winks, *Historiography*, ch. 38.
- Oct 9 **Anglobalization**
 P.J. Cain & A.G. Hopkins, "Gentlemanly Capitalism and British Expansion Overseas II: New Imperialism," *Economic History Review*, 40, 1 (1987): 1-26.
 "The British Empire and Globalization: A Forum," *Historically Speaking*, 4, 4 (April 2003) <http://www.bu.edu/historic/hs/april03.html>
 Winks, *Historiography*, ch. 27, 28
- Oct 16 **Race and Caste (historiographical paper due)**
 Patrick Wolfe, "Land, Labor, and Difference: Elementary Structures of Race," *American Historical Review*, 106 (June 2001): 866-905.
 Nicholas Dirks, "Castes of Mind," *Representations* (Winter 1992): 57-78.
- Oct 23 **Resistance**
 David Edwards, "Mad Mullahs and Englishmen," *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, 31 (Oct 1989): 649-670.
 John Lonsdale, "Mau Maus of the Mind," *Journal of African History* (1990): 393-421.
- Oct 30 **Gender and Sexuality**
 Lata Mani, "Contentious Traditions: The Debate on Sati in Colonial India," *Cultural Critique*, 7 (Fall 1987): 119-156.
 Ann Laura Stoler, "Making Empire Respectable," *American Ethnologist*, 16 (Nov 1989): 634-659.
- Nov 6 No class
- Nov 13 No class

Nov 20	Reports on research papers
Nov 27	Reports on research papers
Dec 4	Reports on research papers
Dec. 11	Final paper due (no class)