



The Japanese Cruiser Kongo in Istanbul, 1891 by Luigi Acquarone 1800–1896

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**THURSDAY 12 MAY 2022 – SATURDAY 14 MAY 2022**

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# MODERN TRANSIMPERIAL AND INTERIMPERIAL HISTORIES

## Forms, Questions, Prospects

### PROGRAMME

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## THURSDAY 12 MAY 2022

| 8:30 – 9:00 | **WELCOME AND REGISTRATION**

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

CYRUS **SCHAYEGH**, Geneva Graduate Institute

IRINA **DU BOIS**, Pierre du Bois Foundation

| 9:15 – 10:30 | **KEYNOTE LECTURE**

LOUISE **YOUNG**, University of Wisconsin-Madison

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

| 10:45 – 12:15 | **PANEL 1 – HISTORIOGRAPHICAL AND CONCEPTUAL REFLECTIONS**

NADINE **HÉE**, Osaka University

→ Materiality, Space, and Time in Transimperial Histories

VÉRONIQUE **DIMIER**, Université Libre de Bruxelles

→ From Colonial to Post-Colonial Comparisons

PAUL **KRAMER**, Vanderbilt University

→ The Prospects of Inter-Imperial History: The Case of the Modern United States in the World

| 13:15 – 15:00 | **PANEL 2 – REGIONS**

NICOLE **CUUNJIENG ABOITIZ**, Cambridge University

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

ANNE-ISABELLE **RICHARD**, Leiden University

→ Interwar European Cooperation, Global, Transimperial, Regional Approaches?

ALEXEY **MILLER**, St. Petersburg University

→ Competition, Cooperation, Restraint and Interconnectedness in a Macro-System of Continental Empires

HARALD **FISCHER-TINÉ**, ETH Zurich

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

| 15:30 – 17:15 | **PANEL 3 – ECONOMY**

MARC-WILLIAM **PALEN**, University of Exeter

→ Economic ideologies and Transimperialism: Friedrich List's National System (1841) as Case Study

MORITZ **VON BRESCIUS**, Harvard University

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

ULRIKE **VON HIRSCHHAUSEN**, University of Rostock

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

JIAJIA **LIU**, Geneva Graduate Institute

→ Financial Capitalism on the Periphery: The Shanghai Stock Market Bubble of 1910

## FRIDAY 13 MAY 2022

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

**M'HAMED OUALDI**, Sciences Po Paris

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

**ALEXANDER KEESE**, Université de 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**, University of Bern

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

### | 10:45 – 12:15 | **PANEL 5 – SETTLERS AND AGRICULTURE**

**PETER LAVELLE**, Temple University

- Overseas Labor Migration and the Chinese Colonial Imagination

**MARTIN DUSINBERRE**, University of Zurich

- Reconciling Japanese-Indigenous Histories in the Imperial Pacific World

**MONA BIELING**, Geneva Graduate Institute

- Hebrew University's Botanical Gardens: a Source in Scientific Knowledge Creation in Mandatory Palestine

### | 13:15 – 15:00 | **PANEL 6 – WAR AND VIOLENCE**

**ALEXANDER MORRISON**, University of Oxford

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

**VLADIMIR HAMED-TROYANSKY**, University of California, Santa Barbara

- Migration and Violence in the Russo-Ottoman Borderlands

**DANIEL HEDINGER**, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München

- The Second World War: A Transimperial History?

**MARTIN THOMAS**, University of Exeter

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

### | 15:30 – 17:00 | **PANEL 7 – RACE**

**ULRIKE LINDNER**, Universität zu Köln

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

**PATRICK BERNHARD**, University of Oslo

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

**EILEEN RYAN**, Temple University

- Troubling the Italian Color Line under the Fascist Race Laws

## SATURDAY 14 MAY 2022

### | 9:30 – 11:15 | **PANEL 8 – KNOWLEDGE**

**NILE GREEN, University of California, Los Angeles**

- Translating Confucius for the Indian Reading Public: A Case-Study in Cummensurability

**DAMIANO MATASCI, Université de Genève**

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

**DANIEL LAQUA, Northumbria University**

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

**MIGUEL BANDEIRA JERÓNIMO, Universidade de Coimbra**

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

### | 12:30 – 14:15 | **PANEL 9 – LAW**

**JENNY DAY, Skidmore College**

- Political Crimes and International Law in Modern China, 1840–1937

**LALE CAN, City University of New York**

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

**FLORIAN WAGNER, Universität Erfurt**

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

**ANNA DIEM, Geneva Graduate Institute**

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

### | 15:00 – 16:45 | **PANEL 10 – NATION(ALISM)S**

**RONALD GRIGOR SUNY, University of Michigan**

- Logics of Nations and Empires: From Definitions to Explanations

**SHELLEN X. WU, The University of Tennessee Knoxville**

- Bringing Back Empire in the Age of the Nation-State

**LEYLA AMZI-ERDOGDULAR, Rutgers University**

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

**DAVID MOTZAFI-HALLER, Geneva Graduate Institute**

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

### | 16:45 – 17:15 | **CONCLUDING PLENARY DISCUSSION**