



Comparing Colonialism

Beyond European Exceptionalism

September 26–28 2019
University of Basel
Department of Sociology



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CONCEPT

Colonial expansion is a common, nearly universal phenomenon in human history. Though colonialism has shaped the modern world in many ways, it is not limited to modernity. Conquering foreign lands and subjugating other people(s) are basic processes in the formation of empires and states, and they existed long before the modern era. This interdisciplinary conference, hosted by the Department of Sociology at the University of Basel, seeks to explore varieties of colonialism throughout history and to uncover their common features. But, by comparing different areas, periods, and forms of colonial expansion and rule the conference will also examine the (possibly) unique characteristics of modern European expansion.

Organization: Axel T. Paul & Matthias Leanza

Venues:

Thursday: Rheinsprung 9, Lecture hall 101

Friday & Saturday: Petersgraben 27, Lecture hall Musicology

Registration: www.comparing-colonialism.ch



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PROGRAM

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

6.00 p.m. WOLFGANG REINHARD
Keynote: Agency, Cooperation and Oligarchy

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

9.30 a.m. AXEL T. PAUL
Comparing Colonialism: Introductory Remarks

10.00 a.m. HANS-JOACHIM GEHRKE
Conquest and Founding of Cities: Forms of Colonization in the Graeco-Roman World

11.00 a.m. ROBERT HOYLAND
Were the Muslim Arabs who Conquered the Middle East Colonialists?

11.45 a.m. JAMES REILLY
Ottomans in Syria: "Turkish Colonialism" or Something Else?

2.00 p.m. TANJA BÜHRER
An Entangled History of the British and French "Imperial Nation-States" in the Age of Revolutions, c.1770–1850

2.45 p.m. FRANCESCA FUOLI
Colonialism at the Fringes of Empire: Reassessing Afghanistan's Place in the British Colonial History, 1857–1900

3.45 p.m. KLAUS SCHLICHTER
Contradictions of British Colonialism in the Uganda Protectorate

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

9.30 a.m. MATTHIAS LEANZA
Imperial Trajectories: The Constant Remaking of German Rule in South West Africa

10.15 a.m. YAEL BERDA
Bureaucratic Tools of Emergency and Citizenship in the Colonial Past and Present: Israel/Palestine and India

11.15 a.m. JANNE LAHTI
Indigenous Settler Colonialism? Rethinking Comanche, Lakota and Apache Expansions in North America

2.00 p.m. MICHAEL KHODARKOVSKY
Where Russia Was "Ahead" of Europe: Russia's State Colonialism in Comparative Perspective

2.45 p.m. JIN-KYUNG PARK
Japanese Colonialism and the Geopolitics of Population, Race and Nation in the Korean Imagination

3.45 p.m. KRISHAN KUMAR
Imperialism and Colonialism: A Meaningful Distinction?

4.30 p.m. Final discussion