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Profile

Colonial transformations, colonialism, internal colonialism, imperialism, portfolio imperialism, wars, and others, are concepts used to classify extensive periods of time in human history, all the way from the Stone Age to Spanish overseas expansion in the 15th century, to the wars in Afghanistan and Irak. What triggers these processes, how do they play out, how are they similar and/or different? What do we learn when we look at the historical record and our collective memory? Although we will choose a comparative analysis, our main historical laboratory will be what we today call Latin America. It will be a laboratory to explore a varied set of theoretical propositions referring to the build-up of power relations.

Evaluation: Final reading test 40%
 Final paper 60% (8pp. research paper based on a pre-approved submitted bibliography, due on the date, time, and place of the final exam).

Weekly themes and readings:

General textbook: Burkholder/Johnson (at Groundworks)

1 *Pervasive colonialisms, theoretical propositions*

Readings: internet: Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy, “Colonialism.”

2 *Measuring colonial impacts: what was there, what changed*

Reading: Rostworowski, pp. 202-219

3 *Instruments of Power*

Reading: Chasteen, pp. 25-89
 Pagden, pp. 13-36

4 *Compliance and alliance*

Reading: Varon, chapter on structuring a colonial administration, pp.

5 *Colonial frontiers*

Reading: Rausch/Weber, pp. XIII-XLI

- 6 *Repercussions: Culture, imagination, idolatry*
Reading: MacCormack, pp. 205-248
 Deans, pp. 200-218
 Scardaville (Aguirre/Buffington, eds.), pp. 1-18
- 7 *Social relations and change*
Reading: Chance, pp. 186-201
 Martin, pp. 105-146
 Cook & Cook, pp. 123-147
 Lanning/Te Paske, pp. 351-386
- 8 *Regional processes: Mines, mining, and world markets*
Reading: Bakewell, pp. 153-178
- 9 *Internal colonialisms? Haciendas, plantations, and peasant communities*
Reading: Van Young, pp. 236-269
- 10 *Colonialism revisited*
Reading: Keen, pp. 143-156
 Karasch (Andrien, ed.), pp. 104-120
 Stocking (ed.), pp. 3-6, pp. 285-313
 Breuilly (Burke, ed.), pp. 55-87