



AN IMPERIAL WORLD AT WAR: THE BRITISH EMPIRE, 1939-1945

KELLOGG COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD, 21ST-22ND SEPTEMBER 2013

Programme

Venues: Kellogg College, University of Oxford.

All panels have been allocated 90 minutes – 20 minutes per paper and 30 minutes for questions – with all questions to follow the three presentations.

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Day 1: Saturday 21st September 2013

9.15 – 9.45 *Coffee*

9.45 – 10.00 **Welcome: An Imperial World at War**
Ashley Jackson, Yasmin Khan and Gajendra Singh

10.00 – 11.30 **Panel 1: Colonial Anxieties**
Chair:

Benjamin Zachariah
Nazi-Hunting in India on the Eve of the Second World War

Felicia Yap (University of Cambridge)
The Significance and Impact of Japanese Propaganda in Occupied British Asia

Oliver Coates (University of Cambridge)
Contested Commemoration in Late Colonial Nigeria

11.45 – 1.15 **Panel 2: Mobilizing the Empire**
Chair:

Doug Delaney (The Royal Military College of Canada)
Mixable and Matchable Army Formations: Explaining Anglo-Canadian Interoperability during the Second World War

Nick Hewitt (National Museum of the Royal Navy)
A Shared Tradition: The Commonwealth Navies, 1939-1945

Vipul Datta (King's College London)
The Army and the Academy: The 'Making and Unmaking' of Military Training Academies in India and South Asia, 1932-1955

1.15 - 2.00 **Lunch**

2.00 – 3.30 **Panel 3: Militarizing the Empire**

Chair:

Susan R. Grayzel (University of Mississippi)
Protecting Which States and Bodies?: Developing Civil Defense in an Imperial Context

Ali Raza and Franziska Roy
In the Name of Self Defense: The Second World and the Politics of Paramilitary Groups in British India ca. 1939-46

Jonathan Fennell (King's College London)
Citizens as Much as Soldiers: The New Zealand Army in the Second World War

3.45 – 5.00 **Keynote. Indivar Kamtekar. (title TBA)**

5.30 – 6.30 **Francis Gooding (Birkbeck).** *Introduction to the 'Colonial Film: Moving Images of the British Empire' project, followed by a film screening.*

7.00 **Conference Dinner**

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Day 2: Sunday 22nd September 2013

9.30 – 10.00 *Coffee*

10.00 – 11.00 **Keynote. Simon Davis (City University of New York).** *'Guided Development v. New Deal Internationalism: British Planning for the Middle East during the Second World War and a Clash of Anglo-American Ideologies.'*

11.00 – 12.30 **Panel 4: Realizing State Power**

Chair:

Andrew Muldoon (Metropolitan State University of Denver)
"India Is a Fine Country After All!": The Cultivation of Military Morale in British India

Annalisa Urbano (Universität Bayreuth)
Beyond the Allied Wartime Propaganda: British Labour Policies in Somalia during the Second World War

Euan McKay (University of Tokyo)

Waiting for Their Ship to Come: British Retention of Japanese Troops in South East Asia after WWII

12.30 – 1.30 **Lunch**

1.30 – 3.00 **Panel 5: The Imperial Economy**

Chair:

Iain Johnston, (University of Cambridge)

Gold and Dollars: The Dominions and British War Finance, 1939-1945

Gagan Preet Singh (Jawaharlal Nehru University)

The Second World War and Food Rationing in India: Collieries, Cantonments, and Jails, 1939-46

Yasmin Khan, (University of Oxford)

Women and the Indian War Economy

3.15 – 4.45 **Panel 6: The Imperial Periphery**

Chair:

Bérénice Guyot-Récharde (University of Cambridge)

World War Two and the Metamorphosis of India's North-East Frontier

Bridget Deane (University of the West of England)

"Lady Visitors": Evacuees from Hong Kong in Australia during World War II

Kazimuddin Ahmed

Stalingrad of the East: An Ethnography of Memories

5.00 **Farewell Drinks**