Independence and Decolonization

April 15-17, 2010

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Thursday, April 15
Classroom 105

Welcome and Introductory comments
3.30-3.45 pm

Panel I: Defining Decolonization
3.45-5.45 pm

3.45-4.05 pm Roger Louis, University of Texas at Austin, Decolonization

4.05-4.25 pm Tony Hopkins, University of Texas at Austin, What Is Decolonization?

4.25-4.45 pm Philippa Levine, University of Texas at Austin, Gender and Decolonization

Comment: Audience
Chair: Julie Hardwick, University of Texas at Austin

Reception
6.00-7.00 pm
Room 301
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Friday, April 16
Classroom 101

Panel II: Mapping the History of Revolution and Counter-revolution in Spanish America
8.45-10.15 am

8.45-9.00 am  Marcela Echeverri, College of Staten Island/CUNY
*Popular Royalists and Revolution in Colombia*

9.00-9.15 am  Mark Thurner, University of Florida
*After Colonialism and the King: Notes on the Peruvian Birth of ‘Contemporary History’*

9.15-9.30 am  Alan Knight, University of Oxford
*Was the Mexican Revolution a War of National Liberation?*

9.30-9.45 am  Comment: Eric Van Young, University of California at San Diego
Chair: Susan Deans-Smith, University of Texas at Austin

Break
10.15-10.30 am

Panel III: Decolonization and Difference in Northern Africa
10.30-12.00 pm

10.30-10.45 am  Nordine Amara, Institut de Recherche sur le Maghreb Contemporain, Tunis
*From the “Originaires d’Algerie to the “Nationaux d’origine”: Colonial Legacies and the Elaboration of Algeria’s Nationality Code in 1963* (presentation in French)

10.45-11.00 am  Todd Shepard, Johns Hopkins University
*Their Place in the Sun”: How French Claims that Algerians Faced Racism--and not Colonialism--Invoked Mexico, Anthropologists, and UNESCO, 1954-1962*

11.00-11.15 am  Berny Sebe, University of Birmingham
*Colonial Partition, End of Empire Unification and Chaotic Independence: The Postcolonial Fragmentation of the Sahara and its Peoples*

11.15-11.30 am  Comment: Ben Brower, University of Texas at Austin
Chair: Mark Metzler, University of Texas at Austin
Break  
12.00-1.30 pm

Panel IV: Three Waves of Decolonization on Russo-Turkic Shores  
1.30-3.00 pm

1.30-1.45 pm  Ilya Vinkovetsky, Simon Fraser University  
*The Unexpected Constitution: Decolonizing Bulgaria after Ottoman Rule, 1878-1879*

1.45-2.00 pm  Howard Eissenstat, St. Lawrence University  
*The Turkish War for Independence as Civil War*

2.00-2.15 pm  Paul Kubicek, Oakland University,  
*Decolonization and State and Nation-Building in Post-Soviet Central Asia*

2.15-2.30 pm  Comment: Yoav Di-Capua, University of Texas at Austin  
Chair: Joan Neuberger, University of Texas at Austin

Break  
3.00-3.15 pm

Panel V: New Doctoral Research in Colonial and Postcolonial History  
3.15-4.45 pm

3.15-3.30 pm  Laurie M. Wood, University of Texas at Austin  
*Revolution by Proxy?: The French Revolution in Martinique*

3.30-3.45 pm  Juan Luis Ossa Santa Cruz, University of Oxford  
*From Moderate Autonomists to Outright Revolutionaries. The Construction of Chile’s First Revolutionary Army, 1808-1814*

3.45-4.00 pm  Amber Abbas, University of Texas at Austin  
*Multiple Realities in post-1947 South Asian Partition Narratives*

4.00-4.15 pm  Comment: Jim Sidbury, University of Texas at Austin  
Chair: Matthew Butler, University of Texas at Austin
Saturday April 17  
Room 301  

Panel VI: Africa and the Contested Imaginaries of Decolonization  
9.00-10.30 am  

9.00-9.15 am  Sarah Van Beurden, University of Pennsylvania  
The Art of (Re)Possession: Zaire, Belgium and the Case of Cultural Restitution (1960-1982)  

9.15-9.30 am  Ruramisai Charumbira, University of Texas at Austin  
Gendered Memory and Forgetfulness in Southern Africa's Decolonization Process  

9.30-9.45 am  Evan Mwangi, Northwestern University  
Incomplete Rebellion: The Mau Mau Movement in 21st Century Kenyan Culture  

9.45-10.00 am  Comment: Frederick Cooper, New York University  
Chair: Frank Guridy, University of Texas at Austin  

Coffee Break  
10.30-10.45 am -- Area adjacent to Classroom 301  

Panel VII: Concluding Roundtable  
10.45-12:00 noon  

Lead Discussants:  Frederick Cooper, New York University  
Eric Van Young, University of California at San Diego  

Chair:  Roger Louis, University of Texas at Austin  

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