



ETHICS & EMPIRE IV: THE MODERN PERIOD



A COLLOQUIUM AT CHRIST CHURCH, OXFORD

30 June -1 July 2022

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PROGRAMME

THURSDAY, 30 JUNE

0900: Welcome

0915-0945: **Session I: Resumé of Ethics & Empire I-III**

Speaker: Nigel Biggar

0945-1100: **Session II: The Russian Empire: from Tsarist to Soviet**

Chair: Robin Lovin

Speaker: Alexander Morrison

Respondent: Simon Dixon

1100-1130: coffee

1130-1245: **Session III: The Habsburg Empire**

Chair: Krishan Kumar

Speaker: Martyn Rady

Respondent: Robert Evans

1245-1400: lunch

1400-1515: **Session IV: The German Colonial Empire**

Chair: Robert Jackson

Speaker: Bruce Gilley

Respondent: Rigmor Osterkamp

1515-1630: **Session V: Iran: from Empire to Nation**

Chair: Zareer Masani

Speaker: Ali Ansari

Respondent: Roham Alvandi

1630-1700: tea

1700-1815: **Session VI: Theories of Empire III: Empire by God's Will**

Chair: Nigel Biggar

Speaker: Robert Jackson

Respondent: Robin Lovin

1845: walk to dinner

1930: dinner at the Cherwell Boathouse

FRIDAY, 1 JULY

0845-1000: **Session VII: The British Empire: outside the Raj**

Chair: Ali Ansari

Speaker: Brad Faught

Respondent: Niall Ferguson

1000-1115: **Session VIII: The British Empire: the Raj**

Chair: Alexander Morrison

Speaker: Zareer Masani

Respondent: David Gilmour

1115-1145: coffee

1145-1300: **Session IX: The Chinese Empire: from Qing to Communist**

Chair: Charles Mathewes

Speaker: Peter Perdue

Respondent: Gagandeep S. Sood

1300-1400: lunch

1400-1515: **Session X: The United States as an Empire**

Chair: Eric Gregory

Speaker: Heather Wilford

Respondent: Niall Ferguson

1515-1630: **Session XI: The European Union as an Empire**

Chair: Krishan Kumar

Speaker: Jan Zielonka

Respondent: Robert Jackson

1630: close of colloquium

1700-1800: Core Group planning meeting

PARTICIPANTS

- Roham Alvandi, Associate Professor of International History at the London School of Economics and Political Science and author of *Nixon, Kissinger, and the Shah: The United States and Iran in the Cold War* (2014).
- Ali Ansari, Professor in Modern History (Middle East), St Andrews University and author of *The Politics of Nationalism in Modern Iran* (2012)
- Nigel Biggar, CBE, Regius Professor of Moral and Pastoral Theology, Director of the McDonald Centre for Theology, Ethics, and Public Life, University of Oxford, and author of *Colonialism: A Moral Reckoning* (February, 2023)
- Rhianwen Daniel, Lecturer and Project Officer in Philosophy at Cardiff University, where her research focuses on national identity, linguistic relativity, and political ideologies.
- Simon Dixon, Sir Bernard Pares Professor of Russian History at University College London and author of *Catherine the Great* (2009).
- Robert Evans is Regius Professor of History Emeritus at the University of Oxford and author of *Austria, Hungary and the Habsburgs. Essays on Central Europe, c.1683–1867* (2006)
- Brad Faught, Professor of History and Global Studies, Tyndale University, Toronto, and author of *Into Africa: The Imperial Life of Margery Perham* (2012) and *Cairo 1921: Ten Days that Made the Middle East* (July 2022)
- Niall Ferguson, Milbank Family Senior Fellow at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University and author of *Empire: how Britain made the modern world* (2003).
- David Gilmour, former Research Fellow at St Antony's College, Oxford and author of *The British in India: a social history of the Raj* (2018) and *The Ruling Caste: imperial lives in the Victorian Raj* (2005)
- Eric Gregory, Professor of Religion, former Chair of the Council of the Humanities, Princeton University, and author of *Politics and the Order of Love: An Augustinian Ethic of Democratic Citizenship* (2008) and *The In-Gathering of Strangers: Global Justice and Political Theology* (in progress)
- Robert Jackson, Quondam Fellow of All Souls, formerly Special Adviser to the Governor of Rhodesia, Member of Parliament for Wantage, and minister in the Department of Education and Science
- Krishan Kumar, William R. Kenan, Jr, Professor of Sociology, University of Virginia, and author of *Visions of Empire: How Five Imperial Regimes Shaped the World* (2017)
- Robin Lovin, Cary M. Maguire University Professor Emeritus of Ethics, Southern Methodist University, and author of *Reinhold Niebuhr and Christian Realism* (1995) and *Christian Realism and the New Realities* (2008)
- Zareer Masani, former BBC Current Affairs producer and author of *Indian Tales of the Raj* (1987), *And All is Said: memoir of a home divided* (2012) and *Macaulay: Britain's Liberal Imperialist* (2013)
- Charles Mathewes, Carolyn M. Barbour Professor of Religious Studies, University of Virginia, author of *The Republic of Grace: Augustinian thoughts in dark times* (2010), and co-editor of *Comparative Religious Ethics: the major works* (2015)
- Alexander Morrison, Fellow and Tutor in History, New College, University of Oxford, and author of *Russian Rule in Samarkand, 1868-1910* (2008)
- Rigmar Osterkamp, former Senior Lecturer in Economics at the University of Namibia.
- Peter Perdue, Professor of History at Yale University and author of *China Marches West: The Qing Conquest of Central Eurasia* (2005)
- Gwyn Prins, former Director of the Mackinder Programme at the London School of Economics and Political Science and author of *The Hidden Hippopotamus. Reappraisal in African history: the early colonial experience in western Zambia* (1980)

- Martyn Rady, former Masaryk Professor of Central European History at the School of Slavonic and Eastern European Studies, University College London, and author of *The Habsburgs: Rise and Fall of a World Power* (2020)
- Gagandeep S. Sood, Associate Professor of International History, London School of Economics and Political Science and author of *India and the Islamic Heartlands: an eighteenth-century world of circulation and exchange* (2016)
- Douglas Streusand, Professor at the US Marine Corps Command and Staff College, Adjunct Professor at the Institute of World Politics, and author of *The Islamic Gunpowder Empires: Ottomans, Safavids, and Mughals* (2010)
- Claus Telp, author of *The Evolution of Operational Art, 1740-1813: from Frederick the Great to Napoleon* (2005)
- Heather P. Wilford, Postdoctoral Fellow and Lecturer in the Department of Political Science at Yale University
- Jan Zielonka, Professor of European Politics, University of Oxford and author of *Counter-revolution: liberal Europe in retreat* (2018)