



2019-2020

Semester 1

- 12 Sept Dr. Nova Robinson, (Seattle University), ""Sisters in Asia": The Struggle over Defining Women's Rights at the League of Nations and Early United Nations"

2018-2019

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- 20 Sept Ms. Florence Lo and Ms. Jenny Yu, (HSBC), "Research at HSBC Archives"
4 Oct Ms. Carina Hoang, (Curtin University, Western Australia), "From Both Sides of the Fence: Vietnamese Boat People in Hong Kong, 1975-2000"
13 Nov Prof. Dominic Sachsenmaier, (HKU), "17th-Century Chinese Christianity and the Global History of Empires"
22 Nov Dr. Aurore Schwab, (HKU), "The International Norms on Religions from a History of Religions Perspective (1945-2002)"
6 Dec Dr. François Drémeaux, (University of Le Havre-Normandie / HKU), "The French Consulate in Hong Kong during the Interwar Period: Distorted Hierarchies and Civil Diplomacy"
10 Dec Prof. Christian Henriot, (Aix-Marseille University), "Mapping the Space-Time of Commercial Entertainment in Shanghai (1907-1967)"

Semester 2

- 24 Jan Dr. Jatinder Mann, (HKBU), "The End of the British World and the Redefinition of Citizenship in Canada, 1950s-1970s"
29 Jan Dr. Emily Whewell, (Max Planck Institute for European Legal History, Germany), "Between Semicolonial and Colonial Borders: Mobile Subjects and Tensions of Law in the Early 20th Century British Empire"
14 Feb Dr. Darinee Alagirisamy, (HKU), "The Problem with Neera: The (Un)Making of a National Drink in Late Colonial India"
15 Feb Dr. Alastair McClure, (University of Chicago), "Rethinking Violence, Sovereignty, and the Making of Criminal Law in Colonial India"
21 Feb 王汎森教授, (中央研究院), 「胡適的一份未刊稿——英文《中國思想史大綱》的歷史意義」
28 Feb Dr. Joshua Derman, (HKUST), "German Visions of Global Order After an Axis Victory, 1939–1945"
12 Mar Ms. Devika Shankar, (Princeton University), "A Coast of Curiosities: Nature and Infrastructure at the Edge of British India 1860-1900"
19 Mar Mr. Christopher Cowell, (Columbia University), "Colonial Boundaries: The Case of Secunderabad Cantonment (1798-1858)"
21 Mar Dr. Kate Bagnall, (University of Wollongong, Australia), "Writing Women into Chinese Australian History"
25 Mar Dr. Ronit Stahl, (University of California, Berkeley), "Troubling Conscience: Religious Freedom and Health Care in Modern America"
28 Mar Ms. Florence Mok, (University of York), "Revisiting Anti-Corruption Movements and the Formation of the ICAC"

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- 14 Sept Dr. Emily Baum, (University of California, Irvine), "Adjudicating Madness: Police Records of the Insane in Early Twentieth-Century Beijing"
- 21 Sept Dr. Michael Weatherburn, (Imperial College, London), "History at Work: Bridging the Corporate Knowledge Gap"
- 26 Sept Prof. Simon Burrows, (Western Sydney University, Australia), "The Enlightenment Text: Publishing, Culture and Popular Reading before the French Revolution"
- 16 Oct Prof. Erez Manela, (Harvard University), "The Fourth Policeman: Reconsidering FDR's Vision for China's Postwar Role"
- 17 Oct Prof. Herrick Chapman, (New York University), "France's Long Reconstruction: In Search of the Modern Republic"
- 23 Nov Dr. Patrick Neveling, (University of London), "The Resistible Rise of the Otherwise Neoliberal: On Special Economic Zones and the Making of World-History"
- 18 Dec Dr. Jan Schmidt, (KU Leuven, Belgium), "Shifting Horizons of Expectation During the First World War in Japan - 'Postwar Discourses', 1915–1919, as Part of War Experience and Their Consequences for Political Communication Regarding 'Reconstruction' (kaizō)"
- 19 Dec Ms. Ivy Chan, (University of London), "Migration and the Collecting of Chinese Art in Hong Kong in the 20th Century"

Semester 2

- 18 Jan Dr. Seung-young Kim, (University of Sheffield), "Open Door or Sphere of Influence?: The Diplomacy of the Japanese-French Entente and Fukien Question, 1905-07"
- 10 Apr Prof. James L.A. Webb Jr., (Colby College), "Historical Epidemiology and Contemporary Disease Challenges"
- 12 Apr Prof. Emma J. Teng, (MIT), "The 'Eurasian Problem' and Schooling in 19th Century Hong Kong and Shanghai"
- 17 May Dr. Thomas Irvine, (University of Southampton), "Beyond Discovery: Rethinking the Sino-Western Encounter in Music"

2016-2017

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- 24 Nov Ms. Darinee Alagirisamy, (University of Cambridge), "The Limits of Total Prohibition in the Madras Presidency, 1937-1943"
- 1 Dec Ms. Meg Kanazawa, (University of Exeter), "Historicising AIDS in India"
- 15 Dec Ms. Vivian Kong, (University of Bristol), "To Make a British Crown Colony White': The League of British Whites and the British community in 1930s Hong Kong"

Semester 2

- 19 Jan Dr. Fabio Lanza, (University of Arizona), "Taking 'China' Seriously: Global Maoism and Asian Studies in the Long Sixties"
- 9 Feb Ms. Florence Mok, (University of York), "Rethinking the Impact of the 'Touch Base' Policy on the Formation of Hong Kong Identity, c. 1967-1980"
- 2 Mar Dr. Quinn Slobodian, (Wellesley College; HKU), "Milton Friedman's Colony: How Neoliberals Made Hong Kong the Measure of the World"
- 28 Mar Dr. Mark Honigsbaum, (Wellcome Research Fellow; Queen Mary University London), "Between Securitisation and Neglect: Managing Ebola at the Borders of Global Health"
- 28 Mar Ms. Julia Bowes (Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey), "Every family is a little state or empire": Paternal Sovereignty and the Transformation of Governance in the Nineteenth Century United States"
- 30 Mar Dr. Selina Lai-Henderson, (School of Modern Languages and Cultures, HKU), "Riddle of the Universe:" Rethinking Race, Gender, and Transnationalism through W.E.B. Du Bois's Encounters in China"
- 20 Apr Dr. Sarah Ghabrial, (Columbia University in the City of New York), "Colonial Law, the Muslim 'Family,' and Women's Litigation in Algeria, 1870-1930"

- 25 Apr Dr. Christos Lynteris, (University of Cambridge), "A Panoply of Reason: Anti-Epidemic Masks as Visual and Material Technologies"
- 4 May Mr. Freddie Stephenson, (University of Nottingham), "Epidemic Responses at the Edges of Empire: the Bubonic Plague in Hong Kong and Shanghai"
- 12 May Dr. Haydon Cherry, (Northwestern University), "The Limits of my Language Are the Limits of My World: Đào Duy Anh and the Vocabulary of Vietnamese Marxism"
- 18 May Mr. Florence Lo and Mr. Garfield Lam, (HSBC), "Research at HSBC Archives"
- 30 May Ms. Nirmola Sharma, (University of Delhi), "Indian Associations in Wartime China"

2015-2016

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- 22 Sept Dr. David Clayton (University of York), "A Withdrawal from Empire? Hong Kong and the European Economic Community, 1961-63"
- 8 Oct Prof. David K. Yoo (UCLA), "Reflections on the Historical Study of Asians in the United States"
- 5 Nov Mr. Mark Clifford (PhD candidate, Department of History, HKU), "From Beijing to Paris: What China's Environmental Plans Mean for the World"

Semester 2

- 21 Jan Dr. Sei Jeong Chin (Ewha Womans University), "The Anti-Rightist Campaign as Media Event: The Case of Zhang Naiqi"
- 7 Apr Prof. Hans van de Ven (Cambridge University), "Outsourcing Empire: The Founding of the Chinese Maritime Customs Service"
- 21 Apr Dr. Thomas DuBois (Australian National University), "May God Bless Manchukuo: The Crisis of Catholic Diplomacy in Northeast Asia"
- 5 May Spring History Symposium 2016
- 6 May Prof. Jay Winter (Monash University and Yale University), "The Geometry of Memory"
- 26 May Dr. Jialin Christina Wu (Université catholique de Louvain, Belgium, and Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne), "'Amok': Violence, Hysteria and Cultural Bound Syndromes in Colonial Malaya"
- 31 May Mr. Christopher Cowell (Columbia University), "The Kaccā-Pakkā Divide: Material, Space and Architecture through the East India Company Cantonments of British India (1765-1889)"

2014-2015

Semester 1

- 16 Sept Prof. Odd Arne Westad (Visiting Research Professor, Department of History, HKU; and Director, Ideas Centre, London School of Economics), "Korea in China's World View: Past and Present"
- 18 Sept PHAROS IV: The Fourth Postgraduate History Archival Research Orientation Seminar
- 22 Sept Prof. Odd Arne Westad (Visiting Research Professor, Department of History, HKU; and Director, Ideas Centre, London School of Economics), "The Really Big Picture: Writing the Penguin History of the World"
- 26 Sept Dr. Simon Layton (University of Cambridge), "Piratical States: British Imperialism in the Indian Ocean World"
- 7 Nov Prof. Jeffrey Wasserstrom and Prof. Paul Cohen, "The Boxer Crisis of 1900: Global News, Global Spectacle, and Global War"
- 20 Nov Prof. Shu Guang Zhang (Macau University of Science and Technology), "Challenges to the Writing of an International History: My Work on Beijing's Economic Statecraft during the Cold War"
- 11 Dec Dr. Andres Rodriguez (University of Sydney), "Nationalism and Internationalism on the Borders: The West China Union University Museum of Art, Archaeology and Ethnology (1916-1951)"

Semester 2

- 12 Jan Prof. Robert Bickers (University of Bristol), "World in Motion: Professional Circuits through Nineteenth Century China"
- 19 Mar Dr. Christopher Korten (University of Poznam, University of Warsaw), "Pope Gregory XVI's Attitudes and Policies towards His Chinese Church (1826-46)"
- 1 Apr Prof. Odd Arne Westad, (Visiting Research Professor, Department of History, HKU; and Professor of International History, London School of Economics), "Accidental Antagonists or Inevitable Enemies? China and Japan in Asia and Beyond"
- 9 Apr Jeppe Mulich (New York University), "Among Pirates and Revolutionaries: Intercolonial Politics and Republican Privateering in the Atlantic"
- 16 Apr Prof. Xu Guoqi (Department of History, HKU), "Chinese and Americans: A Shared History"
- 22 Apr "Women, Gender, and Efforts for Equality: Comparative Asian-Western Perspectives"
- 23 Apr Prof. Odd Arne Westad, (Visiting Research Professor, Department of History, HKU; and Professor of International History, London School of Economics), Malcolm Litchfield (Director, HKU Press) and Dr. Priscilla Roberts (Department of History, HKU), "Getting the News Out: Publishing Your Research"; "Show Us the Money: Going after the Grants"
- 7 May Spring History Symposium 2015, Department of History
- 8 May Dr. Peter Carroll (Northwestern University), "Mending the Sheepfold after Losing the Sheep: Suicide, Vital Statistics, and the Crisis of Youth in Republican Guangzhou"

2013-2014

Semester 1

- 13-14 Sept PHAROS III: The Third Postgraduate History Archival Research Orientation Seminar
- 17 Sept Prof. Odd Arne Westad, (Visiting Research Professor, Department of History, HKU; and Co-Director, Ideas Centre, London School of Economics), "The Humanities and the International University"
- 26 Sept Prof. Norman Jones, (Utah State University), "Governing by Virtue: the Political Culture of the Elizabethan State"
- 24 Oct Dr. Rogério Miguel Puga, (New University of Lisbon), "The Early British Presence in China and Anglo-Portuguese Relations in Macao, 1635-1793"
- 21 Nov Dr. James Stark, (Arts Engaged Fellow, University of Leeds), "The Making of Modern Anthrax"
* This event is jointly sponsored with the Centre for the Humanities and Medicine
- 28 Nov Prof. Charles Schencking, (HKU), "The Great Kantō Earthquake and the Chimera of National Reconstruction in Japan"
- 12 Dec Prof. Theodore Weeks, (Southern Illinois University), "Vilnius in Two World Wars: From Russian Provincial City to Soviet Capital"

Semester 2

- 20 Feb Dr. Jan Schmidt, (Kyoto University/Ruhr University Bochum), "Japanese Nurses vs. Chinese 'Coolies' During the First World War: Japan's Quest for Supremacy in East Asia's Contribution to the Great War"
- 3 Mar Dr. Barak Kushner, (University of Cambridge), "Chinese and Japanese Competitive Justice for War Crimes in Early Cold War East Asia"
- 6 Mar Dr. Stephen Davies, (Hong Kong Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences), "A Nine Days' Wonder: Hong Kong's Claim to the Maritime Historical Record Books"
- 13 Mar Dr. Laura King, (Arts Engaged Research Fellow, University of Leeds), "Hiding in the Pub to Cutting the Cord: Men's Experience of Childbirth in Britain, 1950s to the Present"
- 10 Apr Prof. Denise Y. Ho, (CUHK), "Revisiting the Rent Collection Courtyard"
- 16 Apr Prof. Odd Arne Westad, (Visiting Research Professor, Department of History, HKU; and Co-Director, Ideas Centre, London School of Economics), "Southeast Asia and China's World View"
- 17 Apr Research Postgraduate Seminar: Writing a History Postgraduate Thesis
- 8 May Spring History Symposium 2014
- 15 May Dr. Oscar Sanchez-Sibony, (University of Macau), "Mikoyan the Bolshevik in the Land of the Samurai: A Cold War Adventure"

- 5 June Dr. Valeria Zanier, (Research Fellow, London School of Economics and Political Science), "Business vs. Ideology: China's Trade with Western Europe during the Cold War"
- 12 June Dr. Daniel Schumacher, (DAAD Visiting Research Fellow, History Department, HKU), "Asia's "Memory Boom" and the Difficult Heritage of War: Surveying World War II Remembrance and Memorialization Across the Region"

2012-2013

Semester 1

- 11 Oct Gary Chi-Hung Luk, "The Qing Government's Efforts to Control and Mobilise Chinese Boat and Fishing Populations During the Anti-Opium Campaign and the First Anglo-Chinese War (1839-1842)"
- 22 Oct Prof. Anne Marie Rafferty, (Dean & Chair of Nursing Policy, King's College London), "Braving Disease and Death: The Contribution of Nursing to the Feminisation of the British Empire, 1896-1948"
* This event is jointly sponsored with the Centre for the Humanities and Medicine
- 15 Nov Dr. Harry Yi-Jui Wu, (Centre for the Humanities and Medicine, HKU), "Global Health Citizenship from Historical Perspectives: The Case of the World Health Organization"
- 22 Nov Prof. Roger R. Thompson, (Western Washington University), "Local Acts; Global Impact: Religious Freedom and Colonialism in China, 1862-1899"
- 12 Dec Prof. Chen Jian, (Michael J. Zak Chair of the History of US China Relations, Cornell University; Visiting Research Professor, HKU), "In the Dark Shadow of History and Memory: Revisiting the 'Rape of Nanjing' in Light of Diaoyu/Senkaku"

Semester 2

- 10 Jan Prof. Chen Jian, (Michael J. Zak Chair of the History of US China Relations, Cornell University; Visiting Research Professor, HKU), "Zhou Enlai and China's Prolonged Rise"
* This event forms part of "The Enigma of Zhou Enlai - A Round Table"
- 7 Feb Dr. Niccolo Pianciola, (Lingnan University), "Soviet Imperialist Decolonization in Central Asia: Nomads, Peasants, and the State from WWI to the Great Famine"
- 26 Feb Kaori Abe, (University of Bristol), "Compradors in Nineteenth-Century Hong Kong: New Approaches and Perspectives"
- 5 Mar Dr. Lanver Mak, (Institute of Commonwealth Studies, School of Advanced Study, University of London), "Riches, Rags and Rogues: The Many Faces of the British in Egypt, 1882-1922"
- 7 Mar Prof. Jay Winter, (Sin Wai-Kin Distinguished Visiting Professor in the Humanities, HKU; Charles J. Stille Professor of History, Yale University), "The Soldiers' War 1914-1918"
*This lecture is part of The First World War - Lecture and Seminar Series
- 21 Mar Prof. Jay Winter, (Sin Wai-Kin Distinguished Visiting Professor in the Humanities, HKU; Charles J. Stille Professor of History, Yale University), "The Lost Generation of the First World War"
*This lecture is part of The First World War - Lecture and Seminar Series
- 27 Mar Prof. Jay Winter, (Sin Wai-Kin Distinguished Visiting Professor in the Humanities, HKU; Charles J. Stille Professor of History, Yale University), "Remembering the Great War"
*This lecture is part of The First World War - Lecture and Seminar Series
- 11 Apr Prof. Odd Arne Westad, (Professor of International History, London School of Economics; Visiting Research Professor, HKU, National Taiwan University), "Doing Postgraduate Research in History"
- 18 Apr Prof. Michael Keevak, (National Taiwan University), "How Did East Asians Become Yellow?"
- 25 Apr Rob Baxter, "Art, Ambition and Empire: British Artists in India, 1770-1800"
- 3 May Spring History Symposium 2013
- 30 May Elizabeth Sinn, "Pacific Crossing: California Gold, Chinese Migration, and the Making of Hong Kong"

2011-2012

Semester 1

- 15 Sept Prof. John Y. Wong (University of Sydney), "Understanding Sun Yatsen: Exploring a Macro Issue through Micro Research"
- 6 Oct Jeffrey H. Jackson (Rhodes College), "Paris Under Water: How the City of Light Survived the Great Flood of 1910"
- 27 Oct Sue Ebury, "Fearful Symmetry: The Medici - from Utility to Design in the Renaissance Garden"
- 24 Nov Dr. Stephanie Villalta Puig (CUHK), "Chinese (Over)Civilisation and Britain, c.1850-90s"
- 1 Dec Prof. Jan Kiely (CUHK), "War and Penal Thought Reform in China, 1937-1945"
- 8 Dec Prof. Michiko Yusa (Western Washington University), "Japanese Women and Buddhism: The Lotus, Amida, and Awakening"

Semester 2

- 16 Feb Jakub Drabik (Charles University, Prague), "Oswald Mosley and the British Union of Fascists, 1932-1940"
- 1 Mar Prof. Cindy Yik-yi Chu (BUHK), "The Catholic Church in China"
- 15 Mar Dr. Theodora Jim (Society of Scholars, School of Humanities), "Religion and Politics in the Athenian Empire: The Case of the Eleusinian First-Fruits"
- 29 Mar Dr. Thomas Irvine (University of Southampton), "The Sound of Empires Meeting: Soundscapes of Trade in Eighteenth-Century Canton"
- 5 Apr Prof. Naoko Shimazu (Professor of History, Department of History, Classics, and Archeology, Birkbeck College, University of London), "The Bandung Conference of 1955: An Indonesian Theatre of Diplomacy"
- 19 Apr Prof. Jane E. Schultz (Professor of English and the Medical Humanities, School of Liberal Arts, Indiana University-Purdue University-Indianapolis), "Hired to Care: Civil War Nurses and the Military Body"
- 3 May Spring History Symposium 2012

2010-2011

Semester 1

- 7 Oct Brian Tsui (Ph.D. Candidate, Columbia University), "The Plea for Asia - Tan Yunshan, Pan-Asianism and Sino-Indian Relations"
- 18 Nov Mark Hampton (Lingnan University, Department of History), "Projecting Britishness in Hong Kong: the British Council and Hong Kong House, 1950s-1970s"

Semester 2

- 7 Apr Benjamin Siegel (Ph.D. Candidate, Harvard University), "More Grass than Corn: Seeing Indian Agriculture in the 19th Century"
- 14 Apr Mark R. Frost (Department of History, HKU), "The Cosmopolitan Moment? New perspectives on early nationalism in the Indian Ocean world, 1860-1920"
- 21 Apr Kate Lowe (Queen Mary, University of London) and Eugene McLaughlin (City University London), "'Caution! The Bread is Poisoned': The Hong Kong Poisoning of 1857"
- 6 May Spring History Symposium, Department of History
- 16 May Robert Bickers (University of Bristol), "The Scramble for China: Foreign Devils in the Qing Empire, 1800-1914"

2009-2010

Semester 1

- 17 Sept James R. Fichter (Lingnan University) "The Case of the Essex: Readings of Piracy and Captivity in the Anglo-American Encounter with the Middle East"
- 29 Oct Patricia Chiu (University of Cambridge) "'From Protection to Modernization: Social Change and Girls' Schooling in Pre-war Hong Kong'"

- 12 Nov Paul Kua (HKU) "The Boy Scout Movement in Hong Kong"
10 Dec Sandra Wilson (Murdoch University) and Janet Borland (Murdoch University/University of Hong Kong) "Symbols of Nationalism in 1920s Japan: Building Schools for the Future and Presenting a New Emperor"

Semester 2

- 14 Jan Chen Jian (Cornell University, HKU) "Positioning 1949 in Chinese and World History"
* This event also forms part of the workshop, "International History in Hong Kong: The Present and Future"
- 28 Jan Xu Guoqi (HKU) "Sports and China's internationalization"
11 Feb Douglas Kerr (HKU) "Arthur Conan Doyle and the Consumption Cure"
* This event is jointly sponsored with the Centre for the Humanities and Medicine
- 25 Mar Ryan D. Crewe (Society of Scholars, HKU), "Pacific Purgatory: Conversion and Global Trade in the Spanish Dominican Mission to the Chinese 'Sangleys' of Manila, 1580-1610."
- 1 Apr Theodora Jim (Oxford University), "From Modern History to Ancient Greek History: Methods, Prospects and Obstacles"
- 12 Apr Allen Packwood (Churchill Archives Centre, Cambridge), "The World View of Winston Churchill: Prophet or Political Dinosaur?"
- 15 Apr David Campion (Lewis and Clark College), "The Kanpur Riot of 1931: Nationalism, Communalism, and the Crisis of Policing in Late Colonial India"
- 6 May Spring History Symposium, Department of History