



2017-2018

Semester 1

- 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"

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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"

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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