**Inland Empires in Modern World History**

*July 2021 Symposium*

*Rothermere American Institute, Oxford*

**22 July**

9:40-10:00: Introductory Remarks

10:00-12:30: Imperial Infrastructures & Non-Imperial Actors

**Al Zuercher Reichardt**, University of Missouri

“French Imperial Ambitions & Infrastructure Rivalry in the Era of the Chickasaw Wars”

**Aparajita Mukhopadhyay**, University of Kent

“Opening up the interior: railways and creation of inland empire in 19th century colonial India”

**Marcus P. Nevius**, University of Rhode Island

“What Did it Mean to Live in a ‘City of Refuge’?: From the Inland, North America's Great Dismal Swamp, Outward to the late Atlantic World”

12:30-1:30: Lunch

1:30-4:00: Imperial Crossroads

**Rob Fletcher**, University of Missouri

“The Teeth of the Wind: the Desert Locust, inland Arabia and Ethiopia, and the late British Empire “

**Ivan Sablin**, Heidelberg University

“Inner Asian Origins of the Soviet Informal Empire: Mongolia and the Communist International, 1920s–1940s”

**Kristin Hoganson**, University of Illinois

“The US Midwest as a Crossroads of Empire”

**23 July**

10:00-12:30: Empires & Inland Resources

**Katie Holmes**, La Trobe University

“Broken Hill – inland dreaming, frontier thinking”

**Duncan Money**, Leiden University

“Global Processes and the Formation of the Central African Copperbelt, c.1890-1970”

**Nicolás Gómez Baeza**, University of Warwick

“Labour relations on British managed “estancias” in Tierra del Fuego: isolated inlands, or sites of imperial capitalism?”

12:30-1:30: Lunch

1:30-3:00: Empires & Inland Merchants

**Anne Gerritsen**, University of Warwick

“The inland empire of the Huizhou merchants: Tea and porcelain traders from the hinterland in a globalizing world”

**Jagjeet Lally**, University College London

“Muslim Merchants, Inland Empires, and the Integration of the Eurasian Interior, c. 1750-c. 1850”

3:00pm-4:00pm: Roundtable, Wrap-Up, & Next Steps

**Daive Dunkley**, University of Missouri

**Alexander Morrison**, University of Oxford

**Jay Sexton**, University of Missouri