

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 Sablın, 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

Dave Dunkley, University of Missouri

Alexander Morrison, University of Oxford

Jay Sexton, University of Missouri