

History 7705
Colloquium in World History
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This colloquium aims at providing an introduction to the most important literature, themes, theories, concepts, and methods of World History as a field of research and teaching. We will be focusing on analytical and interpretive issues especially prominent in contemporary world history.

Each week, each of you will read one book from the syllabus, and prepare a short (500-1000 words) written analysis of the book, which you will copy and distribute to your classmates prior to class time. You will each also prepare a summary essay (to be shared and discussed during the last class meeting) on "What *Is* World History?" Course grades will be based on these papers and on class discussions.

Class Schedule & Reading Assignments

Week 1 (8/19)

What Are We Doing Here? Introduction & Course Mechanics

Week 2 (8/26)

Conceptions of World History

Fernand, Braudel, *Civilization and Capitalism*

Rondo Cameron, *A Concise Economic History of the World: From Paleolithic Times to the Present*

Andre Gunder Frank, *The Centrality of Central Asia*

Ernest Gellner, *Plough, Sword & Book: The Structure of Human History*

Marshall G.S. Hodgson, *Rethinking World History: Essays on Europe, Islam & World History*

E.L. Jones, *Growth Recurring: Economic Change in World History*

Martin W. Lewis and Karen E. Wigen, *The Myth of Continents*

William H. McNeill, *The Rise of the West*

William H McNeill, *A History of the Human Community*

Stephen K. Sanderson, *Social Transformations*

P.A. Sorokin, *Social & Cultural Dynamics*

Oswald Spengler, *The Decline of the West*

Arnold Toynbee, *A Study of History*

H.G. Wells. *The Outline of World History*

Eric Wolf, *Europe and the People Without History*

Theodore Von Laue, *The World Revolution of Westernization*

Week 3 (9/2)

Frontiers & Cross-Cultural Encounters

- James Axtell, *The European & the Indian*
James Axtell, *The Invasion Within*
Thomas J. Barfield, *The Perilous Frontier*
Robert Bartlett & Angus MacKay, *Medieval Frontier Societies*
Bruce Batten, *To the Ends of Japan: Premodern Frontiers, Boundaries, and Interactions*
Jerry H. Bentley, *Old World Encounters*
Martin Bernal, *Black Athena*
Richard W. Bulliet, *The Camel & the Wheel*
Walter Burkert, *The Orientalizing Revolution*
Louise M. Burkhart, *The Slippery Earth*
K.N. Chaudhuri, *Trade and Civilization in the Indian Ocean*
K.N. Chaudhuri, *Asia Before Europe*
Inga Clendinnien, *Ambivalent Conquests*
William Cohen, *The French Encounter with Africans*
Jean & John Comaroff, *Of Revelation & Revolution*
Barry Cunliffe, *Greeks, Romans, and Barbarians*
Philip D. Curtin, *Africa and the West: Intellectual Responses to European Culture*
Philip D. Curtin, *The Image of Africa*
Greg Dening, *Islands & Beaches*
Richard Eaton, *The Rise of Islam & the Bengal Frontier*
Nancy M. Farriss, *Maya Society under Colonial Rule*
Peter Ward Fay, *The Opium War*
Clifford Geertz, *Islam Observed*
Edith Hall, *Inventing the Barbarian*
Francois Hartog, *The Mirror of Herodotus*
Mary W Helms, *Ulysses' Sail*
Wendy Kasinec and Michael Polushin, *Expanding Empires: Cultural Interaction and Exchange in World Societies from Ancient to Early Modern Times*
Benjamin Keen, *The Aztec Image in Western Thought*
Jacques Lafaye, *Quetzalcoatl & Guadalupe*
Bernard Lewis, *The Muslim Discovery of Europe*
Sabine MacCormack, *Religion in the Andes*
Rhoads Murphey, *The Outsiders*
Arnold Pacey, *Technology in World Civilization*
Anthony Pagden, *European Encounters with the New World*
John Leddy Phelan, *The Hispanization of the Philippines*
Jean Devisse, and Michel Mollat, *The Image of the Black in Western Art: Volume 2 From the Christian Era to the "Age of Discovery,"*
Hugh Honour, *The Image of the Black in Western Art: Volume 4, From the American Revolution to World War I,*

Frances Karttunen, *Between Worlds*
 Benjamin Keen, *The Aztec Image in Western Thought*
 Owen Lattimore, *Inner Asian Frontiers of China*
 Bernard Lewis, *The Muslim Discovery of Europe*
 Martin W. Lewis and Karen E. Wigen, *The Myth of Continents*
 Patricia Nelson Limerick, *The Legacy of Conquest*
 William H. McNeill, *Polyethnicity & National Unity in World History*
 William H. McNeill, *The Great Frontier*
 David Harry Miller et al., eds., *The Frontier: Comparative Studies*
 Raychaudhuri Tapan, *Europe Reconsidered: Perceptions of the West in
Nineteenth-Century Bengal*
 Anthony Reid, *Southeast Asia in the Age of Commerce*
 Edward Said, *Orientalism*
 Stuart Schwartz, *Implicit Understandings*
 Ann Thompson, *Barbary and Enlightenment: European Attitudes toward the
Magreb in the Eighteenth Century*
 John V. Tolan, *Saracens: Islam in the Medieval European Imagination*
 Frederick Jackson Turner, *The Frontier in American History*
 Nathan Wachtel, *The Visions of the Vanquished: The Spanish Conquest of Peru
through Indian Eyes*
 Walter Prescott Webb, *The Great Frontier*
 David J. Weber, *The Spanish Frontier in North America*
 John E. Wills, *Embassies & Illusions*
 Richard White, *The Middle Ground*

Week 4 (9/9)

Modernization Analysis

Reinhard Bendix, *Nation-Building and Citizenship*
 Reinhard Bendix, *Kings or Peoples*
 Cyril E. Black, *The Dynamics of Modernization*
 Cyril E. Black, ed., *Comparative Modernization*
 Rondo Cameron, *A Concise Economic History of the World*
 Carlo Cipolla, *Guns, Sails, and Empires*
 Frederick Cooper ed., *International Development and the Social Sciences*
 Alfred W. Crosby, *The Measure of Reality*
 S.N. Eisenstadt, ed., *The Protestant Ethic and Modernization*
 Andre Gunder Frank, *ReOrient: Global Economy in the Asian Age*
 John A. Hall, *Powers and Liberties*
 E.L. Jones, *Growth Recurring*
 E.L. Jones, *The European Miracle*
 David S. Landes, *The Wealth and Poverty of Nations*
 Michael Mann, *Sources of Social Power*
 David B. Ralston, *Importing the European Army*
 W. W. Rostow, *How It All Began*
 W. W. Rostow, *The Stages of Economic Growth*

Peter N. Stearns, *The Industrial Revolution in World History*

Week 5 (9/16)

World System Theories

Janet Abu-Lughod, *Before European Hegemony: The World System AD 1250-1350*

J.M. Blaut, *The Colonizer's Model of the World*

Fenand Braudel, *The Perspective of the World*

Christopher Chase-Dunn and Thomas D. Hall, *Rise and Demise: Comparing World Systems*

Jared Diamond, *Guns, Germs & Steel*

Andre Gunder Frank, *Dependent Accumulation & Underdevelopment*

Andre Gunder Frank, *World Accumulation*

Andre Gunder Frank and J. Gills, *The World System: Five Hundred Years or Five Thousand?*

Frances Moulder, *Japan, China & the Modern World Economy*

Walter Rodney, *How Europe Underdeveloped Africa*

Stephen K. Sanderson, ed., *Civilizations and World Systems: Studying World-Historical Change*

Thomas R. Shannon, *An Introduction to the World-System Perspective*

Alan K. Smith, *Creating a World Economy*

Alvin So & Stephen Chiu, *East Asia & the World Economy*

L.S. Stavrianos, *Global Rift*

Immanuel Wallerstein, *Geopolitics & Geoculture*

Eric Williams, *Capitalism & Slavery*

Richard White, *The Roots of Dependency*

Eric R. Wolf, *Europe and the People without History*

Week 6 (9/23)

Histories of Technology

Mark Cohen, "The Epidemiology of Civilization," in Judith E. Jacobsen and John Firor, *Human Impact on the Environment: Ancient Roots and Current Challenges*

Mark Nathan Cohen and George Armelagos (eds.), *Paleopathology at the Origins of Agriculture*

Mark Nathan Cohen, *The Food Crisis in Prehistory: Overpopulation and the Origins of Agriculture*

Alfred Crosby, *Throwing Fire*

Mark Elvin, *The Pattern of the Chinese Past*

Daniel Headrick, *Tools of Empire*

Daniel Headrick, *The Tentacles of Progress*

E. L. Jones, *The European Miracle*

Robert O'Connell, *Of Arms and Men*

Charles Singer, E. J. Holmyard, and A. R. Hall, *A History of Technology*, 5 vols.

William McNeill, *The Pursuit of Power*

Geoffrey Parker, *The Military Revolution*
Bruce D. Smith, *The Emergence of Agriculture*
Martin Van Creveld, *Technology and War*
Lynn White, jr., *Medieval Technology & Social Change*
Karl A. Wittfogel, *Oriental Despotism*

Week 7 (9/30)

The Spread of Religions

Jerry H. Bentley, *Old World Encounters*
Charles Boxer, *Japan's Christian Century*
Richard, W. Bulliet, *Conversion to Islam in the Medieval Period*
Daniel C. Dennett, *Conversion & the Poll Tax in Early Islam*
George Elison, *Deus Destroyed*
Johannes Geffcken, *The Last Days of Greco-Roman Paganism*
Jacques Gernet, *China & the Christian Impact*
Jaques Gernet, *Buddhism in Chinese Society*
Michael Gervers & Ramzi Jibran Bichazi, *Conversion & Continuity*
Robert Hefner, *Conversion to Christianity*
SM Ikram, *Muslim Civilization in India*
Nehemiah Levtzion, *Conversion to Islam*
SNC Lieu, *Manichaeism in the Later Roman Empire & Medieval China*
Ramsay MacMullen, *Christianizing the Roman Empire*
Arthur Darby Nock, *Conversion*
Speros Vryonis, *The Decline of Medieval Hellenism in Asia Minor*
Arthur Wright, *Buddhism in Chinese History*
Liu Xinru, *Ancient India & Ancient China*
E. Zurcher, *The Buddhist Conquest of China*

Week 8 (10/7) No Class

Week 9 (10/14)

Migrations & Diasporas

Allison Blakely, *Blacks in the Dutch World*
Robin Cohen, *Global Diasporas*
Michael T. Conniff and T .J. Davis, *Africans in the Americas*
Phillip D. Curtin, *The Rise & Fall of the Plantation Complex*
Phillip D. Curtin, *The Atlantic Slave Trade*
PC Emmer, *Colonialism & Migration*
Paul Gilroy, *The Black Atlantic*
Erich S. Gruen, *Diaspora: Jews Amidst Greeks & Romans*
Joseph E. Harris, *Global Dimensions of the African Diaspora*
J Inikori, *The Atlantic Slave Trade*
Martin L. Kilson, & Robert I. Rotberg, *The African Diaspora*

J.P. Mallory, *In Search of the Indo-Europeans*
J.P. Mallory and Victor Mair, *The Tarim Mummies*
Patrick A. Manning, *Slavery & African Life*
David Northrup, *Indentured Labor in the Age of Imperialism*
Lynn Pan, *Sons of the Yellow Emperor*
Richard Price, *Alabi's World*
Richard Price, *First Time*
Irving Rouse, *Migrations in Prehistory*
Gabriel Sheffer, *Modern Diasporas in International Politics*
Mechal Sobel, *The World They Made Together*
Barbara Sowlow, *Slavery & the Rise of the Atlantic System*
John K. Thornton, *Africa & Africans in the Making of the Atlantic World*
Hugh Tinker, *A New System of Slavery*
Wang Gungwu, ed., *Global History and Migrations*

Week 10 (10/21)

Environmental, Ecological & Biological Studies

Nable David Cook, *Born to Die*
William Cronon, *Changes in the Land*
Alfred W. Crosby, Jr., *Ecological Imperialism: The Biological Expansion of Europe, 900-1900*
Alfred W. Crosby, Jr., *The Colombian Exchange: Biological and Cultural Consequences of 1492*
Alfred W. Crosby, Jr., *Ecological Imperialism: The Biological Expansion of Europe, 900-1900*
Philip D. Curtin, *Death by Migration: Europe's Encounter with the Tropical World in the Nineteenth Century*
Warren Dean, *Brazil and the Struggle for Rubber: A Study in Environmental History*
William M. Denevan, *The Native Population of the Americas in 1492*
Jared Diamond, *Germs and Seeds and Animals*
Jean M. Grove, *The Little Ice Age*
Richard H. Grove, *Green Imperialism*
David Henige, *Numbers from Nowhere*
Kenneth F Kiple, (ed.), *The African Exchange: Toward a Biological History of Black People*
John M. MacKenzie, (ed.), *Imperialism and the Natural World*
Jessica T. Mathews, and William B. Meyer (eds.), *The Earth As Transformed by Human Action: Global and Regional Changes in the Biosphere over the Past 300 Years*
John R. McNeill, *Something New Under the Sun*
William H. McNeill, *The Global Condition*
William H. McNeill, *The Human Condition*
William H. McNeill, *Plagues and Peoples*
Clive Ponting, *A Green History of the World*

Stephen J. Pyne, *World Fire*
 Charles L. Redman, *Human Impact on Ancient Environments*
 John F. Richards and Richard P. Tucker (eds.), *World Deforestation in the Twentieth Century Has chapters by different authors on Kenya, Togo, Sahelian Africa, India, Thailand, and the US and USSR*
 Timothy H. Silver, *A New Face in the Countryside*
 Conrad Totman, *The Green Archipelago: Forestry in Premodern Japan*
 Turner, B. L. II, William C. Clark, Robert W. Kates, John F. Richards, Jessica T. Mathews, and William B. Meyer (eds.), *The Earth As Transformed by Human Action: Global and Regional Changes in the Biosphere over the Past 300 Years*
 Andrew Watson, *Agricultural Innovation in the Early Islamic World*
 Sheldon Watts, *Epidemics and History*
 Donald Worster, *Rivers of Empire*
 Donald Worster, *The Ends of the Earth*
 T. M. L. Wrigley, M. J. Ingram, and G. Farmer (eds.), *Climate and History: Studies in Past Climates and their Impact on Man*

Week 11 (10/28) Fall Break → no class

Week 12 (11/4)

Cross-Cultural Trade in Premodern Times

Janet L. Abu-Lughod, *Before European Hegemony*
 Vimala Begley and Richard Daniel de Puma, eds., *Rome and India: the Ancient Sea Trade*
 K.N. Chaudhuri, *Asia before Europe*
 K.N. Chaudhuri, *Trade and Civilization in the Indian Ocean*
 Philip D. Curtin, *Cross-Cultural Trade in World History*
 S. D. Goitein, *A Mediterranean Society: an Abridgement in One Volume*
 Kenneth Hall, *Maritime Trade and State Development in Early Southeast Asia*
 Richard Hodges and David Whitehouse, *Mohammed, Charlemagne and the Origins of Europe*
 George F. Hourani, *Arab Seafaring in the Indian Ocean*
 Mark Kurlansky, *Salt: A World History*
 J. Innes Miller, *The Spice Trade of the Roman Empire*
 S. Ratnagar, *Encounters: The Westerly Trade of the Harappa Civilization*
 Michael Rowlands et al., eds., *Centre and Periphery in the Ancient World*
 Yumin Ring-shih, *Trade and Expansion in Han China*
 Edward H. Schafer, *The Golden Peaches of Samarkand*
 Edward H. Schafer, *The Vermillion Bird*
 Liu Xinru, *Ancient India and Ancient China*
 Liu Xinru, *Silk and Religion*

Week 13 (11/11)

Trade and Empire in the Early Modern World

Leonard Blussé, *Strange Company*
 Leonard Blussé and F.S. Gaastra, eds., *Companies and Trade*
 K.N. Chaudhuri, *Trading World of Asia and the English East India Company*
 Philip D. Curtin, *Cross-Cultural Trade in World History*
 Stephen F. Dale, *Indian Merchants and Eurasian Trade*
 Jonathan Israel, *Dutch Primacy in World Trade*
 Holden Furber, *Rival Empires of Trade in the Orient*
 Mark Kurlanski, *Cod: a Biography of the Fish that Changed the World*
 Mark Kurlanski, *Sweetness and Power: the Place of Sugar in Modern History*
 T. H. Lloyd, *England and the German Hanse, 1157-1611*
 M.A.P. Meilink-Roelofs, *Asian Trade and European Influence*
 Michael Pearson, *The Portuguese in India*
 Om Prakash, *The Dutch East India Company and the Economy of Bengal*
 R. Ptak and D. Rothermund, eds., *Emporia, Commodities, and Entrepreneurs*
 Anthony Reid, *Southeast Asia in the Age of Commerce*
 Sanjay Subrahmanyam, *The Portuguese Empire in Asia*
 Sanjay Subrahmanyam, *The Political Economy of Commerce*
 Sanjay Subrahmanyam, *Improvising Empire*
 James D. Tracy, ed., *The Rise of Merchant Empires*
 James D. Tracy, ed., *The Political Economy of Merchant Empires*

Week 14 (11/18)

Modern imperialism

Michael Adas, *Machines as the Measure of Men*
 Michael Adas, *Prophets of Rebellion*
 Aijaz Ahmad, *In Theory*
 Benedict Anderson, *Imagined Communities*
 A. Bayly, *The Imperial Meridian*
 Dipesh Chakrabarty, *Provincializing Europe*
 N. Chaudhuri and M. Strobel, eds., *Western Women and Imperialism*
 James Clifford, *The Predicament of Culture*
 James Clifford and G. Marcus, eds., *Writing Culture*
 Mark Cocker, *Rivers of Blood, Rivers of Gold: Europe's Conquest of Indigenous Peoples*
 Bernard S. Cohn, *Colonialism and Its Forms of Knowledge*
 Philip D. Curtin, *The World and the West*
 Philip D. Curtin, *The Rise and Fall of the Plantation Complex*
 Arif Dirlik, *The Postcolonial Aura*
 Peter Duus, *The Abacus & the Sword: the Japanese Penetration of Korea, 1895-1920*
 J. Gallagher, *Decline, Revival, and Fall of the British Empire*
 Paul Gilroy, *The Black Atlantic*
 Ranajit Guha and Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak, eds., *Selected Subaltern Studies*
 Stevan Harrell, ed., *Cultural Encounters on China's Ethnic Frontiers*
 Daniel R. Headrick, *The Tentacles of Progress*

Daniel R. Headrick, *The Tools of Empire*
V.G. Kiernan, *Lords of Human Kind*
Sidney Mintz, *Sweetness and Power*
Turgen Osterhammel, *Colonialism: A Theoretical Overview*
Gyan Prakash, ed., *After Colonialism*
Mary Louise Pratt, *Imperial Eyes*
Vicente L. Rafael, *Contracting Colonialism*
Edward W. Said, *Orientalism*
Edward W. Said, *Culture and Imperialism*
Margaret Strobel, *European Women and the Second British Empire*
Sanjay Subrahmanyam, *The Portuguese Empire in Asia*
Nicholas Thomas, *Colonialism's Culture*
William Woodruff, *A Concise History of the Modern World*
Louise Young, *Japan's Total Empire*

Week 15 Thanksgiving Break

Week 16 (12/2)

"So, What Is World History?"

Jerry H. Bentley, *Shapes of World History in Twentieth-Century Scholarship*
Paul Costello, *World Historians and Their Goals: Twentieth Century Answers to Modernism*
Ross E. Dunn, *The New World History*
Patrick Manning, *Navigating World History*
Bruce Mazlish & Ralph Buultjens, eds., *Conceptualizing Global History*
National Center for History in the Schools, *National Standards for World History: Exploring Paths to the Present*

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