

# HIST 21121

## COLONIAL ENCOUNTERS RACE, VIOLENCE AND THE MAKING OF THE MODERN WORLD



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### Course Content

This course introduces students to the history of colonialism from the late eighteenth century onwards. It explores themes including ideologies of empire and power politics; transformations in economic life in the colonies; constructions of race, religion and gender; projects to control colonial spaces and bodies; and violence, both within colonial rule and the opposition to it. Students will be introduced to a range of textual, visual and oral primary sources, historiographical debates drawn primarily from **Africa and South Asia**.

The weekly lecture topics will provide a basic narrative overview for the history of European colonialism in India and sub-Saharan Africa. Lectures will offer case-studies, discussion of primary source analysis and coverage of key historiographical debates. The course will focus in particular on the following topics: **the Atlantic Slave trade; mercantile colonialism;** ideologies of empire; constructing race, gender and sexuality; political economy; nationalism and decolonization.

## Assessment

Map quiz – 10%

Source analysis presentation materials – 5 PowerPoint slides - 40%

Essay - 3,000 words - 50%

Topics covered will include:

Colonialism and the Discipline of History

Early Colonialism and Fantasies of Empire

Slavery, Abolition, and Merchant Capitalism

Colonial Economies

Gender, Sexuality, and Famine

Environmental History

Violence, Non-violence, Nationalism, and Decolonisation

Lectures will provide case-studies, discussion of primary source analysis and coverage of key historiographical debates. Seminars will focus on discussing that week's required readings and analysing a primary source related to the week's topic.

## Indicative Readings

1. Philippa Levine, *The British Empire: Sunrise to Sunset* (Pearson, 2007)
2. Sugata Bose and Ayesha Jalal, *Modern South Asia: History, Culture and Political Economy* (Routledge: London, 1998), chapters 7-10
3. Richard Reid, *A History of Modern Africa* (Wiley-Blackwell, 2008)
4. Christopher Bayly. *The Birth of the Modern World, 1780-1914: Global Connections and Comparisons* (Blackwell, 2004)

Online consultation office hour: on the 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 3:00 p.m. The Zoom link for it is <https://zoom.us/j/92659153750>