

HIST 490H.001, Topics in the History of the British Empire, 1715-present

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New historical approaches to the history of British imperialism provide a ‘transnational’ vantage point on imperial ventures. Historians consider the movement of people, ideas, commodities, and cultural forms in global patterns that integrate domestic British history into varied, comparative studies of the histories of Asia, Latin America, Africa, and parts of the British Isles. We will read a series of representative works in this new literature. Cultural exchanges, slavery, colonial labor policy, the creation of urban infrastructures, political dissent, warfare, and the expressions of racial, gender and religious difference, are central themes. The course combines lecture and discussion, essay-writing, and work with primary materials.