

**New Political Economies of the French Empire, 19th and 20th  
centuries**  
**An interdisciplinary conference**

9:00-9:15am: Welcome coffee

9:15-9:30am: Opening remarks: Towards a New Political Economy of the French Empire? (Madeline Woker)

9:30-10:30am: Recasting labor and empire

Mary D. Lewis (Harvard University): “Transplanting Empire: France and the World after the Haitian Revolution”

Elizabeth Heath (Baruch College-CUNY): “Guinée Cloth, Wage Slavery, and Colonial Commodities”

Discussant: Thomas Dodman (Columbia)

*10:30-10:45am: Coffee break*

10:45-11:45am: Economic lives

David Todd (King’s College London): “French imperial lives in nineteenth-century Egypt”

Simon Jackson (University of Birmingham): “The Intimacies of Purchase: Global Fordism, French Colonial Empire and Triangular Friendship, 1921-1928”

Discussant: Aaron Jakes (New School)

*11:45 – 1:00pm: Lunch Break*

1:00-2:00pm: New quantitative histories of French colonialism

Denis Cogneau (Paris School of Economics): “Towards a New Political Economy of French Colonialism”

Marlous Van Waijenburg (University of Michigan): “Financing the African Colonial State: Fiscal Capacity and Forced Labor”

Discussant: Frederick Cooper (NYU)

*2:00- 2:15pm: Coffee break*

2:15-3:15pm: Imperial commodities

Diana Kim (Georgetown University): “Disastrous abundance in French Indochina, 1920s-1940s: The Strange Life of the Opium Monopoly”

Owen White (University of Delaware): “Thinking Imperially, Acting Colonially: The Economic Rationality of Algerian Wine”

Discussant: Emmanuelle Saada (Columbia)

*3:15-3:30pm: Coffee break*

3:30-4:30pm: Economic and financial decolonization

Samir Saul (Université de Montréal): “French economic interests and decolonization: from North Africa to Sub-Saharan Africa and Indochina”

Vanessa Ogle (University of California, Berkeley): “Funk Money”: The End of Empires, the Expansion of Tax Havens, and Decolonization as an Economic and Financial Event”

Discussant: Gregory Mann (Columbia)

*4:30-4:45pm: break*

4:45-5:45pm: Wrap-up panel

*6:00 – 9:00: Dinner (for speakers and discussants)*