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EMPIRES:  
EXPERIENCE, MEMORY  
AND IDEA



OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2025

9:15	REGISTRATION		
9:30	OPENING REMARKS		
10:00	AULA 1	CHAIR: MONTSERRAT HERRERO	JONATHAN ISRAEL / IAS PRINCETON. KEYNOTE LECTURE / <i>Radical Enlightenment and the early critique of European Colonialism. 1660-1770</i>
11:00	COFFEE BREAK		
11:30	AULA 1	IMPERIAL FORMS TODAY: DIGITALITY, THEOLOGY, AND COMPETING WORLD ORDERS CHAIR: MONTSERRAT HERRERO	JOSÉ MARÍA BENEYTO PÉREZ / UNIVERSIDAD CEU SAN PABLO / <i>The US, Chinese and European models of World Order</i> PEDRO LECANDA JIMÉNEZ-ALFARO / UNIVERSIDAD CEU SAN PABLO / <i>The Digital Reordering of the World: a Critique of the Idea of Digital Empire</i> RODRIGO PALACIOS CUÉLLAR / UNIVERSIDAD CEU SAN PABLO / <i>Theology of the Empire: Russian Nation-Building versus Materialism</i> DIEGO MARTÍNEZ GÓMEZ / UNIVERSIDAD CEU SAN PABLO / <i>A Critique of the Imperial Order from the Periphery</i>
	AULA 2	TEACHING AND LEARNING THE EMPIRE IN PORTUGAL AND PORTUGUESE SPEAKING-COUNTRIES CHAIR: A. BELÉN MARTÍNEZ	CLARA SERRANO / UNIVERSITY OF COIMBRA SÉRGIO NETO / UNIVERSITY OF PORTO <i>Teaching and Learning the Empire in Portugal and Portuguese Speaking-Countries</i>

13:15 LUNCH BREAK (REGISTRATION REQUIRED)

14:15	AULA 1	THE SHADOW OF EMPIRE IN PAHLAVI IRAN CHAIR: JAVIER GIL	FERNANDO CAMACHO PADILLA / UNIVERSIDAD AUTÓNOMA DE MADRID / <i>The impact of the commemoration of the 2,500th Anniversary of the Persian Empire in Spain. Parallel Activities and Media Coverage</i> RAFFAELE MAURIELLO / ALLAMEH TABATABAI UNIVERSITY / <i>A neo-fascist Italian interpretation of Mohammad Reza Pahlavi's cultural imperialism: The World Centre for the Dissemination of the Third Way for Humanity</i> FARSHAD ZAHEDI / UNIVERSIDAD CARLOS III DE MADRID / <i>The Representation of Persepolis in Pahlavi-Era Cinema: Between Propaganda and Dissent</i> EHSAN DASTGHEIB / UNIVERSIDAD AUTÓNOMA DE MADRID / <i>The Politics of Memory and Identity Construction in Pahlavi Iran: Elite Agency, Mnemonic Nationalism, and the Re-imagination of National Identity</i>
	AULA 2	ECONOMIC CIRCULATIONS: EXTRACTIONS, TRADE AND IMPERIAL CAPITAL CHAIR: MIRKO ABBRITTI	DAVID BROWN / TRINITY COLLEGE DUBLIN / <i>Provisioning Empire: Irish Beef and the Memory of Atlantic Imperialism</i> CHIBUEZE PIPI / KING'S COLLEGE LONDON / <i>Calculating Resource Extraction in Colonial Nigeria, 1900-1960: Land Commercialization and Mining Leases</i>

15:45 COFFEE BREAK

16:15	AULA 1	THE LOGICS AND DYNAMICS OF VIOLENCE AND RESISTANCE IN THE COLONIAL EXPERIENCE CHAIR: RAFAEL ESCOBEDO	CIARA ROSE AMAN GARCHA / TRINITY COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE / <i>Mutiny and Murder: The Ghadar Movement, Migration and Diasporic Anticolonialism</i> TAMAM MOHSEN / UNIVERSITY OF GENEVA, SWITZERLAND / <i>Genocide in Gaza: Empire Violence, Coloniality, and Indigenous Resistance Reframing Palestine as a Site of Global Decolonial Struggle</i> CALYX PALMER / KINGS COLLEGE LONDON / <i>"The Empire of Liberty"; Jean-Jacques Dessalines, Haitian Independence, and the Problem of Empire</i>
	AULA 2	POLITICS OF MEMORY AND IDENTITY IN SPAIN AND MEXICO CHAIR: A. BELÉN MARTÍNEZ	NAJLA ACHEK / THE HIGHER INSTITUTE OF DOCUMENTATION U. OF MANOUBA / <i>Memory, Displacement and the Post-imperial Legacy of Iberian Sephardic Jews</i> VINCENT KRETSCHMER CALDERÓN / UNIVERSITY OF FREIBURG / <i>From Colonial to Indigenous Universities: Tracing Colonial Legacies and Epistemic Resistance in Mexico</i> GAYLE NUNLEY / UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT / <i>Routes of Imperial Memory in Women's Orientalist Travel from Spain</i>
	SALA GABRIELA WILSON	EUROPEAN NATIONS AND THE IMPERIAL MIRROR CHAIR: J. P. DOMÍNGUEZ	VANDA AMARO DIAS / DANIELA NASCIMENTO / CRISTIANO GIANOLLA / UNIVERSITY OF COIMBRA / <i>Imperial Echoes? Political Mythologies and Narratives in the EU Enlargement</i> PEDRO C. CARVALHO / VANDA AMARO DIAS / UNIVERSITY OF COIMBRA / <i>Old Empires, New Imperialism: a Comparison of the Roman Empire and the European Union</i> OLGA NIKONENKO / UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON / <i>East and West against Empire: Lessons from Antiquity</i> CECILIA BERNABEI / UCAM UNIVERSITY OF SPAIN, MURCIA / <i>The Broody Poet</i>

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9:30	AULA 1	CRITICAL ENGAGEMENT WITH IMPERIAL PASTS: THE ROLE OF CULTURE AND KNOWLEDGE-MAKING INSTITUTIONS CHAIR: A. B. MARTÍNEZ	PILAR CUDER / UNIVERSITY OF HUELVA SOCORRO SUÁREZ LAFUENTE / UNIVERSITY OF OVIEDO ALEJANDRA MORENO ÁLVAREZ / UNIVERSITY OF OVIEDO <i>Critical Engagement with Imperial Past: The Role of Culture and Knowledge-Making Institutions</i>
	AULA 2	FUNDAMENTACIONES IDEOLÓGICAS DEL COLONIALISMO EUROPEO EN EL S. XIX CHAIR: MONTSERRAT HERRERO	MARÍA JOSÉ VILLAVERDE / COMPLUTENSE UNIVERSITY OF MADRID / <i>El concepto de «misión civilizadora» como justificación del colonialismo y del imperialismo francés de finales del XVIII y comienzos del XIX</i> Mª LUISA SÁNCHEZ-MEJÍA / COMPLUTENSE UNIVERSITY OF MADRID / <i>Historia antigua y colonialismo moderno</i> RODRIGO ESCRIBANO ROCA / CSIC / <i>Del reformismo borbónico al regeneracionismo isabelino: continuidades y rupturas de una tradición imperial (1763-1868)</i>

11:00 COFFEE BREAK

11:30	AULA 1	THE MANAGEMENT OF RELIGIOUS DIVERSITY IN EARLY MODERN EMPIRES, EAST AND WEST CHAIR: MONTSERRAT HERRERO	JOAN-PAU RUBIÉS / ICREA - UNIVERSITAT POMPEU FABRA / <i>Pragmatic Tolerance and Principled Intolerance on the Early Modern Empires: a Comparative Perspective</i> JONATHAN LÓPEZ VERA / AUTONOMOUS UNIVERSITY OF BARCELONA / <i>Japan and Christianity, from Toleration to Expulsion</i> ALAN STRATHERN / OXFORD UNIVERSITY / <i>Pre-modern Secularity and the Case of Early Modern Islamic Empires</i> JAUME AURELL / UNIVERSITY OF NAVARRA / <i>Jews and Muslims under Christian rule in medieval Spain</i>
	AULA 2	LITERATURE, CINEMA AND IMPERIAL NARRATIVES CHAIR: J. P. DOMÍNGUEZ	SOFIA GUIMARÃES / ALBERT-LUDWIGS- UNIVERSITÄT FREIBURG / <i>Magical Empires: Temporality and Memory in Salman Rushdie's Victory City (2023)</i> FLAVIA GARRIGÓS CABAÑERO / ESIC BUSINESS & MARKETING SCHOOL / <i>African Conflicts in Contemporary Western Cinema: Features and Consequences of the Neocolonial Gaze</i>

13:15 LUNCH BREAK (REGISTRATION REQUIRED)

14:15	AULA 1	TRAVELLERS, REPRESENTATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS IN MODERN IRAN CHAIR: JAVIER GIL	PARISA DELSHAD REZAAE / UNIVERSITY OF BURGOS / <i>From the Rif to Abadan: Vanishing Natives and Colonial Erasure in Spanish and Iranian Literary Narratives</i> PABLO MARTÍNEZ MUÑIZ / INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF LA RIOJA / <i>Prostitutes, Mentally Ill Persons, and Workers (1975-1977): The Photographs of Kaveh Golestan and His Critique of Iran's Grandeur</i> MARTINA DELICATO / UNIVERSIDAD AUTÓNOMA DE MADRID / <i>Analysis of the Italian Iranian Partnership: between Similarities and Breaking Points</i>
	AULA 2	LESSONS FROM THE EPOCH OF EMPIRES: DIPLOMACY, FOREIGN POLICY AND POLITICAL IDEAS CHAIR: MELIKE AKKARACA	CECILIA FONT DE VILLANUEVA / FRANCISCO DE VITORIA UNIVERSITY / <i>The Transmission of Economic Thought Across the Spanish Empire: The School of Salamanca and the Scholastic Tradition</i> MARIA PIA ARANA BARBIER / UNIVERSITY OF SALAMANCA / <i>Vassals or Princes? Sovereignty and Diplomacy between the Order of St John and the Spanish Monarchy in the Eighteenth Century</i> GIULIA RIBEIRO BARÃO / UNIVERSITY OF SALAMANCA / <i>From Empire to International Cooperation: Transregional Organizations among former Metropolises and Colonies and their Cultural Justifications.</i>
	SALA GABRIELA WILSON	IMPERIALISM AND COLONIALISM: A SOCIOLOGICAL APPROACH CHAIR: RAFAEL ESCOBEDO	ALEJANDRO PEÑA / TORCUATO DI TELLA UNIVERSITY / <i>Social Movements, Imperial Authority, and International Order Change</i> GILAD HALPERN / BEN GURION UNIVERSITY OF THE NEGEV / <i>'Sociologizing' the Study of Imperial Newspapers</i> MEGHAN TINSLEY / THE UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER / <i>Commemorating and Constructing the Postcolonial Nation</i>

15:45	AULA 1	CHAIR: MELIKE AKKARACA	MARIA MÄLKSOO / UNIVERSITY OF COPENHAGEN. KEYNOTE LECTURE / <i>Russia's Existential Imperialism at War in Ukraine</i>
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16:45 COFFEE BREAK

17:15	AULA 1	MEMORY AND THE BURDEN OF IMPERIAL LEGACIES CHAIR: A. BELÉN MARTÍNEZ	ROBERT TAYLOR / NEW COLLEGE (UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD) / <i>British Post-Imperial Memory and Cultural Indophilia – Moving Beyond 'Raga Rock'</i> JORGE ANTONIO MONTESDEOCA PÉREZ / UNIVERSITY OF LAS PALMAS DE GRAN CANARIA / <i>Imperial Decline and its Uncomfortable Imprint on National Identities: the Danish Exception</i> BILAL AKAR / UNIVERSITY OF MILAN / <i>Dancing Across Empires: Leila Bederkhan, Statelessness, and the Politics of Imperial Memory</i>
	AULA 2	RUSSKIY MIR: NARRATIVES AND LEGACIES OF EMPIRE CHAIR: MELIKE AKKARACA	RASHEL ZEMLINSKAYA / UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD / <i>Narrating Power through Cultural Translation: The Renaissance in the Historical Imagination of the Russian Empire</i> ADELIYA BISSENBAYEVA / UNIVERSITY OF NAVARRA / <i>Russia's Disrupted Identity: Imperial Legacies and the Politics of the Present</i> REETTA EIRANEN / TAMPERE UNIVERSITY / <i>Contested Compliance – Personal Experience and Relationships in Political Group Formation in the Grand Duchy of Finland in the Russian Empire</i>

19:30 GUIDED TOUR: UNIVERSITY MUSEUM (REGISTRATION REQUIRED)

20:30 CONFERENCE DINNER AT UNIVERSITY MUSEUM RESTAURANT (REGISTRATION REQUIRED)

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09:15	AULA 1	CHAIR: MELIKE AKKARACA	KARL GUSTAFSSON / STOCKHOLM UNIVERSITY. KEYNOTE LECTURE / <i>Remembering Imperial Japan: Collective Memory and International Relations in East Asia</i>
10:15	AULA 1	EMOTIONAL TOPOGRAPHIES: MEMORY, SPACE, AND ISTANBUL THROUGH THE AGES CHAIR: JEREMY WALTON	JEREMY WALTON / ERC CHAIR OF REVENANT / <i>Postimperial Haunting: On Revenants of the Ottoman Empire in the Balkans and Beyond</i> TUBA INAL-CEKIC / UNIVERSITÄT DARMSTADT, GERMANY / <i>Ottoman Legacy and the Political Production of Space in Istanbul</i> ELIF SANDAL ONAL / BIELEFELD UNIVERSITY, GERMANY / <i>Political Meaning-Making under the Rule of Autocracy: Collective Politicization of Gen Z of Turkey against AKP during 2025 Istanbul Demonstrations</i> MELIKE AKKARACA KOSE / UNIVERSITY OF NAVARRA / <i>Narrating Istanbul: Affective-Discursive Constructions of Ottoman Past in Contemporary Turkish Political Rhetoric</i>
	AULA 2	COLLECTIVE MEMORY- MAKING UNDER THE SHADOW OF EMPIRE AND COLONIALISM CHAIR: J. P. DOMÍNGUEZ	NILAY GENÇER / UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA / <i>Memory Infrastructures and Civilizational Claims: Turkey's Cultural Heritage Restorations Abroad</i> SILAS UDENZE / UNIVERSITAT OBERTA DE CATALUNYA / <i>Historical-cum-Colonial memory, WhatsApp and the Meme-orialisation of the Obedient Movement in Nigeria</i> ELEANOR WIKSTROM / UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD / <i>Colonis/zing Subjects: The Transimperial Project of English Education and Information Colonialism in Asia Under British and U.S. Rule</i>
12:00	COFFEE BREAK		
12:30	AULA 1	CHAIR: JAVIER GIL	PETER HEATHER / KING'S COLLEGE LONDON. KEYNOTE LECTURE / <i>Why Empires Fall - Rome, America, and the Future of the West</i>
13:25	CLOSING REMARKS		
13:30	LUNCH (REGISTRATION REQUIRED)		