COLONIAL TRANSFORMATIONS

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Profile
Colonial transformations, colonialism, internal colonialism, imperialism, portfolio imperialism, wars, and others, are concepts used to classify extensive periods of time in human history, all the way from the Stone Age to Spanish overseas expansion in the 15th century, to the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. What triggers these processes, how do they play out, how are they similar and/or different? What do we learn when we look at the historical record and our collective memory? Although we will choose a comparative analysis, our main historical laboratory will be what we today call Latin America. It will be a laboratory to explore a varied set of theoretical propositions referring to the build-up of power relations.

Evaluation: Final reading test 40%
Final paper 60% (8pp. research paper based on a pre-approved submitted bibliography, due on the date, time, and place of the final exam).

Weekly themes and readings:

General textbook: Burkholder/Johnson (at Groundworks)

1. Pervasive colonialisms, theoretical propositions

2. Measuring colonial impacts: what was there, what changed
   Reading: Rostworowski, pp. 202-219

3. Instruments of Power
   Reading: Chasteen, pp. 25-89
   Pagden, pp. 13-36

4. Compliance and alliance
   Reading: Varon, chapter on structuring a colonial administration, pp.

5. Colonial frontiers
   Reading: Rausch/Weber, pp. XIII-XLI
6  *Repercussions: Culture, imagination, idolatry*
   Reading: MacCormack, pp. 205-248
   Deans, pp. 200-218
   Scardaville (Aguirre/Buffington, eds.), pp. 1-18

7  *Social relations and change*
   Reading: Chance, pp. 186-201
   Martin, pp. 105-146
   Cook & Cook, pp. 123-147
   Lanning/Te Paske, pp. 351-386

8  *Regional processes: Mines, mining, and world markets*
   Reading: Bakewell, pp. 153-178

9  *Internal colonialisms? Haciendas, plantations, and peasant communities*
   Reading: Van Young, pp. 236-269

10 *Colonialism revisited*
    Reading: Keen, pp. 143-156
    Karasch (Andrien, ed.), pp. 104-120
    Stocking (ed.), pp. 3-6, pp. 285-313
    Breuilly (Burke, ed.), pp. 55-87