LSE – Columbia Annual Research Seminar in International and World History

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Territory and Resources in International History

Territory and the global distribution of resources are constitutive of international relations. Power and interests shape the configuration of space and the value and meaning of resources. This year the annual LSE-Columbia joint research seminar will explore this circular relationship of space, resources and power across history.

PROGRAM (tentative)

Welcome and Breakfast, 8:30-9:00 AM

Session One, 9:00-11:00 AM

Paul Kreitman, CU
Sovereignty and Spectacle, Commodities and Conflict: Island Disputes in the South China Sea, 1918-1939

Corina Mavrodin, LSE
Seeking de-Satellization through the Periphery: Romania’s Petro-Diplomacy towards the Non-Aligned

Robert Corban, CU
Bitter Harvest: The Wheat Trade and the War Economy in the Axis Moment, 1929-1939

Seung Mo Kang, LSE
The Territorial Questions in Post-War East Asia: Kurile Islands, Okinawa and Taiwan

Coffee/Tea, 11:00-11:15 AM
Session Two, 11:15 AM-1:15 PM

Megan Black, LSE  The Closing of the Interior: Territory, Resources, and the Durability of the US Settler Governance

Brooks Tucker Swett, CU  Administering “an Enlarged and Exaggerated Ireland”: Congressional Debate over Land Policy in the American South, 1862-1867

Jeppe Mulich, LSE  Colonial Borderlands and Inter-Imperial Geographies in the Nineteenth Century Atlantic

Sam Coggeshall, CU  “What they should do is to preserve order at any cost leaving economic questions to be settled between masters and men”: British Consular Representatives and Overlapping Imperialisms in “Colonial” Poland, 1904-1908

Lunch, 1:15-2:15 PM

Session Three, 2:15-4:15 PM

Paul Stock, LSE  What is Spatial History?

Marina Pérez de Acros, LSE  Keeping Spain out of the Second World War: The use of soft power at the British Council in Madrid, 1940-1941


Noelle Turtur, CU  Settling Ethiopia: Between Fascist Colonialism and Western Neocolonialism, 1935-1950

Coffee/Tea, 4:15-4:30 PM

Session Four, 4:30-6 PM

Final Remarks with Adam Tooze, Megan Black, and Paul Stock