Conference

Imperial Legacies—
The Afterlife of Multi-Ethnic Empires in the 20th Century

German Historical Institute London
14th - 16th September 2008

Program

14th September 2008:

13.00 – 14.00:
Welcome and Introduction
Ulrike von Hirschhausen (Hamburg), Jörn Leonhard (Freiburg), Benedikt Stuchtey (London): Comparing Imperial Legacies

14.00 – 15.45:
Section I: Alliances, Spheres of Interest, Conflict Strategies: The Legacy of Multi-Ethnic Empires in 20th Century International Relations (Soviet Russia, Habsburg Monarchy’s successor states)

John C. Swanson (Syracuse): From Empire to Nation State: Foreign Political Continuities in the 1920s and 1930s - The case of Austria and Hungary

Guido Hausmann (Dublin): ‘Poltava 1709’ and ‘Borodino 1812’ as Soviet Sites of Memory

Moderation and Comment: Robert Evans (Oxford)

15.45 – 16.30: Break

16.30 – 18.15:
Section I (cont.): Alliances, Spheres of Interest, Conflict Strategies: The Legacy of Multi-Ethnic Empires in 20th Century International Relations (Britain, France)

Jörn Leonhard (Freiburg): Decolonization and after: Foreign Political Reorientations of France and Britain after 1945

Benedikt Stuchtey (London): Decolonization: The British Experience and the Commonwealth

Moderation and Comment: Robert Evans (Oxford)

18.15 – 18.30: Break

18.30 – 19.30:
Key-Note Lecture
Dietmar Rothermund (Heidelberg): The Self-consciousness of Post-Imperial Nations: A Cross-national Comparison

Dinner (in Old Amalfi Restaurant – menu to be circulated)

15th September 2008:

9.00 – 11.00:
Section II: Representation and Leadership — The Afterlife of Empire in Political Cultures (Soviet Russia, Habsburg Monarchy’s successor states, Turkey)

Steven Beller (Washington/DC): Representation and Authority in the Political Cultures of Austria, Hungary and Czechoslovakia after 1918

Malte Rolf (Hannover): Building an Anti-Imperialist Empire: Center-Periphery Relations in the Soviet Union in the 1920s and 1930s

Michael Meeker (San Diego): Turkish Exceptionalism: The Legacy of an Imperial Political Culture

Moderation and Comment: Ulrike von Hirschhausen (Hamburg)

11.00 – 11.30: Break

11.30 – 13.30:
Section II (cont.): Representation and Leadership — The Afterlife of Empire in Political Cultures (Britain, France)

Stephen Howe (Bristol): The British Empire’s legacy on Britain’s Political Culture

Pierre Singaravelou (Paris): Peripheries or Centers: The Afterlife of Empire in French Political Culture

Moderation and Comment: Jörn Leonhard (Freiburg)

13.30 – 14.30: Lunch (Buffet)

14.30 – 16.30:

Section III: Dealing with multiple Pasts — Empire-Historiographies and Education (Soviet Russia, Habsburg Monarchy’s successor states, Turkey)

Speakers and commentators:

Benjamin Fortna (London): Icons of Kemalism? The Imperial Past from Ottoman Classrooms to Turkish School

Rainer Lindner (Berlin): Between Distancing and Imitating - Imperial Patterns in Soviet Historiography in the 1920s and 1930s

Ulrike von Hirschhausen (Hamburg): Revisiting the Imperial Past: The View of Habsburg’s Rule in 20th-Century Hungary

Moderation and Comment: Jörn Leonhard (Freiburg)

16.30 – 17.00: Break

17.00 – 19.00:

Section III (cont.): Dealing with multiple Pasts — Empire-Historiographies and Education (Britain, France, Spain)

Richard Drayton (Cambridge): The Historiographical Afterlife of British Imperialism

Bertrand Taithe (Manchester): The Colonial Past in French Historiography and Education
Xosé-Manoel Núñez (Santiago de Compostela): Dealing with Decline? Spanish Historiography and the Colonial Past

Moderation and Comment: Catherine Hall (London)

Conference Dinner in GHI Library

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**16th September 2008:**

9.30 – 11.00: 
**Panel Discussion: Imperial Legacies in the Modern World**

After Empire - Before Empire?
Ulrike Freitag (Berlin), Andrew Thompson (Leeds), Andreas Eckert (Berlin), Dietmar Rothermund (Heidelberg), Catherine Hall (London), Michael Meeker (San Diego) and Steven Beller (Washington)

Moderation: Benedikt Stuchtey (London)

11.00 – 11.30: Break

11.30 – 13.00: 
**Panel Discussion (cont): Imperial Legacies in the Modern World**

Lunch and Departure