



## City and Empire. Colonial and Postcolonial London

### 23rd Summer School in British History and the History of the British Empire

German Historical Institute London  
17 Bloomsbury Square  
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**21-24 July 2026**

#### Programme

##### Tuesday, 21 July

- 9 a.m. – 9.30 a.m.                      **Welcome and Introduction**  
**Prof. Dr Christina von Hodenberg, Director GHIL; Prof. Dr Johannes Grossmann, LMU and Dr Indra Sengupta, GHIL, Joint Convenors**
- 9.30 a.m. – 11 p.m.                      **Session I: Building and rebuilding an imperial capital**  
**Dr Emily Mann**  
The Bartlett School of Architecture UCL/ Survey of London
- 9.30- 11 a.m.                              Lecture and Discussion
- 11 a.m.-12 p.m.                            Group work
- 12 – 12.45 p.m.                            Sandwich Lunch
- 12.45 p.m.                                 Travel to the City of London for walk and Continuation of Session
- 6 p.m.                                        Socials at a Pizzeria in Bloomsbury

##### Wednesday, 22 July

- 9.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.                        **Session II: Empire on display: South Kensington and the V&A**  
**Dr Amanda Sciampacone**  
The Open University
- 9.30 - 11 a.m.                              Lecture and Discussion



- 11 a.m. Packed Sandwich Lunch and Travel to South Kensington
- 12 – 3 p.m. Visit the Albert Memorial and the V&A. Continuation of Session

**Thursday, 23 July**

- 9.30 a.m. – 1 p.m. **Session III: Decolonisation and London: tracing the afterlives of empire in the docks**
- Dr Georgie Wemyss**  
University of East London
- 9.30 -10.15 a.m. Lecture
- 10.15-11.15 a.m. Travel to East India DLR Station (packed lunch)
- 11.15 a.m. -12.15 p.m. Guided walk around the East India Docks
- 12.15 – 12.30 p.m. Walk to St Matthias Church (Chapel of EIC)
- 12.30 – 1.30 p.m. Discussion on contests over monuments and memorialization over lunch
- 1.30- 2.00 pm. Walk to London Museum, Docklands to see the site of the Milligan Statue

**Friday, 24 July**

- 9.30 a.m. – 1 p.m. **Session IV: Remaking London: Migration, Settlement, and the Postcolonial City**
- Dr Sundeep Lidher**  
King's College London
- 9.30- 11 a.m. Lecture
- 11 a.m.- 12 p.m. Group work
- 12- 1 p.m. Discussion
- 1-2 p.m. Lunch and End of Summer School

**Note:**

All lectures will take place at the GHIL in Bloomsbury Square  
Tea and coffee breaks at the GHIL will be decided by the tutors and participants  
Except on Days 1 and 4 packed lunch will be provided