

# Remapping Centre and Periphery: Asymmetrical Encounters in European and Global Context, 1500-2000

23 – 24 June 2016

This two-day workshop examines historical mechanisms of cultural and intellectual exchange across the globe. Historians often assume a one-directional transmission of knowledge, leading to the establishment of intellectual and political hierarchies between centers and peripheries. Instead, this workshop investigates the asymmetrical and multi-directional structure of these encounters within Europe as well as in global context.

## Conference organisers

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## Conference venues

Panel sessions and refreshments  
Wilkins Garden Room  
Wilkins Building  
University College London  
WC1E 6BT

Keynote and Centre for Transnational History annual lecture

### Lecture

Pearson G22 Lecture Theatre  
Pearson Building  
University College London  
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### Reception

North Cloisters

Conference dinner

Venue to be confirmed

Conference hotel

Tavistock hotel  
48-55 Tavistock Square  
London  
WC1H 9EU

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Thursday, 23 June 2016

1.00 Buffet Lunch  
1.45 Welcome and Introduction (**Axel Körner**, UCL)

2.00–3.30 Panel 1: Concepts

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*The opening panel seeks to establish a set of conceptual frameworks to help us reshape the relationship between centers and peripheries in historical perspective.*

- **Jaap Verheul** (Utrecht): Exploring reference cultures in a transnational perspective
- **Jan Ifversen** (Aarhus): Peripheries, margins and borderlands - a reflection on spatial concepts of asymmetry
- **Marta Petrusiewicz** (Calabria): tbc

3.30 Coffee

4.00–5.30 Panel 2: Globalising peripheries

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*What is big and what is small? What are the origins of global asymmetries? The panel tries to explain multi-faceted and changing hierarchies over time and space.*

Chair: **Margot Finn** (UCL)

- **Michael North** (Greifswald): From the Baltic to the Pacific: Trade, Shipping and Exploration on the Shores of the Russian Empire
- **Harry Stopes** (UCL): From Manchester and Lille to the World: Nineteenth century provincial cities conceptualise their place in the global order
- **Pim Huijnen** (Utrecht): How the big world enters a small country's public media: a data-driven approach to the image of the USA and Germany in Dutch digitized newspapers

6.00 Keynote and Centre for Transnational History Annual Lecture

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**Nicola Miller** (UCL): Republics of Knowledge: Reinterpreting the World from Latin America?

Introduction: **Axel Körner** (UCL)  
Vote of Thanks: **Peter Burke** (Cambridge)

7.15 Reception (North Cloisters)

7.45 Dinner (Venue to be confirmed)

Friday, 24 June 2016

9.00 Coffee

9.30-11.00 Panel 3: Translating Religions

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*The panel seeks to understand how religious beliefs are translated into different cultures and used to establish political and societal hierarchies on a global scale.*

Chair: **Miri Ruben** (QMUL)

- **Silvia Evangelisti** (UEA) Missions and Imagination in Early Modern Spain and Spanish America
- **Avi Lifschitz** (UCL): Reversing the hierarchy of world religions: Voltaire and Enlightenment universal histories
- **Maarten van den Bos** (Utrecht): The Dutch started to talk back: Discussions on Centre and Periphery in Catholic communities in the long 1960s

11.00 Coffee

11.30-1.00 Panel 4: Knowledge and Commodities in Motion

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*The panel aims to explain the changing semantics of knowledge and commodities in motion. How does spatial context affect the meaning of goods and ideas?*

Chair: **Jesper Verhoef** (Utrecht)

- **Hermione Giffard** (Utrecht): Consumption and Transnationality
- **Moritz von Brescius** (Konstanz): Global experts on the move: colonial botany and the formation of a tropical 'rubber science', 1870-1918
- **Lily Chang** (UCL) 'The Making of a Legal Statute in the Second World War: Conceptualising Age as a Category of Analysis in Modern China

1.00 Buffet Lunch

2.00 Round Table

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Moderator: **Ulrich Tiedau** (UCL)

- **Tessa Hauswedell** (UCL)
- **Joris van Eijnatten** (Utrecht)
- **Matthew D'Auria** (UEA)
- **Jochen Hung** (Utrecht)

3.00 Coffee and farewell