

Annual Conference 2023

A collaboration with the Bartlett and
the London School of Architecture

Constructing coloniality

History, Heritage and the Built
Environment in British Imperialism

The Bartlett School of Architecture, University College London, UK

PRE-CONFERENCE KEYNOTE LECTURE: Thursday, 11th May 2023

- 18.00–19.00pm Drinks reception in the foyer of the Bartlett School
of Architecture
- 19.00–20.30pm Nnamdi ELLEH:
*Decolonizing Decolonisation:
Ideological Continuity and Discontinuity in Colonial and
Postcolonial Imaginations of Modernity*

DAY 1: Friday, 12th May 2023

- 9:30 – 10.00 Opening Remarks by **Dr Eva Branscome**

10.00 - 12.30 Session 1: The ARCHITECTURAL GRASP

Chair: TBC

- 10:00 Chair's Introduction

- 10:10 *Ireland as an experimental ground for British architecture*
Murray FRASER

- 10:30 *“Yon Empress of the North”: Edinburgh’s New Town as a city of
Empire*
Amy ORNER

- 10:50 *Colonial inspirations, regional development: The case of Baroda state,
British India*

Karan RANE

11:10 *Professional entanglements: British colonial networks of architecture*
Soon-Tzu SPEECHLEY + Julie WILLIS

11:30 *Fictional functional reports: Inhabiting the gaps at KNUST's Faculty of Architecture, 1963-2023*
Albert BRENCHAT-AGUILAR + Ato JACKSON

11:50 Questions & Discussion

12.30 - 14.00 Lunch Break

14.00 - 16.00 Session 2: MILITARIZED SPACES OF EMPIRE

Chair: TBC

14:00 Chair's Introduction

14:10 *Tai Ping Shan's spatial injustice: Colonial Hong Kong during the 1894 bubonic plague*
Jasmine CHAN + Patrick CHIU + Patrick HWAN

14:30 *The police building as image: Station architecture in British Colonial India*
Mira Rai WAITS

14:50 *Colonial legacy and state building in Palestine: Architectural investigation*
Anwar JABER

15:10 *Legacies of violence and trauma: Covert surveillance during Belfast's "Troubles" and Kenya's "Mau Mau Uprising"*
Karin ELLIOTT

15:30 Questions & Discussion

16.00 - 16.30 Tea Break

16.30 - 18.30 Session 3: NETWORKS OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY

Chair: TBC

16:30 Chair's Introduction

16:40 *Military ports and trading forts of Konkan: Geospatial analysis of architectural evidence of European expansionism from the 16th to 18th Centuries*
Mrudula MANE + Pushkar SOHONI

17:00 *Telegraphy and financial sovereignty at the India Office*
Matthew WELLS

- 17:20 *The architecture of industrial crops production and extraction: Lever Brothers' intercolonial and trans-imperial networks of industrialisation in Africa*
Michele TENZON
- 17.40 *Guyana landscapes: Sugar, infrastructure, and labour in the spatial formation of (post)colonial subjectivity*
Tao DUFOUR
- 18:00 Questions & Discussion
- 18.30 Finish**

DAY 2: Saturday, 13th May 2023

10.00 - 12.30 Session 4: OBJECTIVES OF EMPIRE

Chair: TBC

- 10:00 Chair's Introduction
- 10:10 *A crimson thread? The cumulative effects of race, nation and empire in British architectural discourse, c.1850-1920*
Alex BREMNER
- 10:30 *Buildings and blueprints: Knowledge, power and colonization*
Vimalin RUJIVACHARAKUL
- 10:50 *A King, a Queen, and a statue in-between: Stabilizing colonial instability in Bangalore*
Sonali DHANPAL
- 11:10 *Fields architecture: The central farm and the production of colonial knowledge in Canada, 1889-1939*
Émélie DESROCHERS-TURGEON
- 11:30 *From the National Gallery to the world: Museum climate as British Standard*
Nushelle DE SILVA
- 11:50 Questions & Discussion

12.30 - 13.30 Lunch Break

13.30 - 16.00 Session 5: INFRASTRUCTURES OF LIFE AND LAND

Chair: TBC

- 13:30 Chair's Introduction

- 13:40 *A bittersweet heritage: Slavery, architecture and the British landscape*
Victoria PERRY
- 14:00 *Schooling the Mufassal: Educational space in small-town Bengal, Colonial India*
Tania SENGUPTA
- 14:20 *Developing capable women: Coloniality, landscape and post-war reconstruction in Britain and abroad*
Camilla ALLEN + Luca CSEPELY-KNORR
- 14:40 *Ecologies of vulnerability: Post-cyclone reconstruction in Mauritius, 1945*
Alistair CARTWRIGHT
- 15:00 *The “Bod Ose” & Krio architecture story telling the history of a tribe*
Bijou HARDING

15.20 Questions & Discussion

16.00 - 16.30 Tea Break

16.30 - 19.00 Session 6: POSTCOLONIALISM AND ITS HERITAGE

Chair: TBC

16:30 Chair's Introduction

16:50 *“Not in the usual sense”: Anthony D King and the origins of critical colonial architectural history*
Mark CRINSON

17:10 *The traces of imperialism in Nigerian architecture*
Ola UDUKU

17:30 *Building a “Little England”: Architectural legacies and postcolonial conversions in a case study from Barbados*
Anna BISHOP + Niall FINNERAN

17:50 *The Georgian isles: Angus Acworth’s heritage legislation in Jamaica and England*
Sean KETTERINGHAM

18:10 *Coloniality and the Politicisation of Literary Heritage Conservation*
Alan CHANDLER + Caroline WATKINSON

18:30 Questions & Discussion

19.00 – 19.10 Break

19:10 – 19.30 Conference summation by **Dr Neal Shasore**

19.30 Finish



DAY 3: Sunday, 14th May 2023

10.00 - 12.00 WALKING TOURS