

SSEES-SRC Workshop

# **Ends of Empires: Crisis and Resilience in the Long Twentieth Century**

December 11, 2023  
SSEES, UCL (Masaryk Room)

12:30-40 Welcome address

Professor Richard Mole, Director of SSEES

Panel 1: 12:40-14:00 Long Twentieth Century

Chair: **Alena Ledeneva**

**Jakub Beneš**, "Land Wars and the history of Empires since 1918"

**Norihiro Naganawa**, "Rhizomes of Insurgents, Forests of Nation-States:  
Russia and the Middle East in the Aftermath of Empires"

Discussion moderator: **Alena Ledeneva**

14:00-14:30 Catered lunch (Masaryk Room)

Panel 2: 14:30-16:30 Religion and Nation in the Post-Ottoman Space

Chair: **Peter Zusi**

**Bojan Alexov**, "End of Empires as Ecclesiological Crisis?"

**Hidemitsu Kuroki**, "Trust and Mistrust in Self-Determination: Proposals  
of Lebanese and Syrian Migrants to the Paris Peace Conference"

In lieu of discussant's comments:

**Maria Rubins** "What Is Palestine? Who are the Palestinians? A long history of a contested  
concept"

Discussant: **Norihiro Naganawa**

16:30-16:40 tea/coffee break (Masaryk Room)

### Panel 3: 16:40-18:40 Decolonization and Imperial Temptation in the War

Chair: **Maria Rubins**

**Yoko Aoshima**, "Empire, Nation and Decolonisation in the Context of the Russo-Ukrainian War"

**Uilleam Blacker**, "Ukraine's Diverse Landscape of Literary Resistance and the Russo-Ukrainian War"

**Michal Murawski**, "re-Colonial Russia: Architecture, Landscape and Violence in Putin's Paradise"

Discussant: **Eric Gordy**