

History of Empire: Bristol University

The following events connected with the History of Empire are taking place in 2012/13:

- 13 December 2012: '[Remembering Bristol's Empire: Archives, Artefacts and Commemoration Workshop](#)'.
- 12 December: Clare Anderson, '[Empire, War and Nation in the Bay of Bengal](#)'. Public Lecture.
- 15-16 July 2013, '[Connected Histories of Empire](#)'. Conference.

Remembering Bristol's Empire: Archives, Artefacts and Commemoration Workshop

Thursday 13 December 2012, Link Rooms, 3/5 Woodland Road, University of Bristol

Prompted by the transfer of the collections of the former British Empire and Commonwealth Museum to Bristol Museums and Bristol Record Office, this workshop will offer an opportunity to discuss the collection, preservation and use of archives and artefacts from Bristol's (and Britain's) imperial past.

9am-11am – Roundtable – 'Remembering Empire: Perspectives from Bristol Academics'

11am-11.30am – Coffee

11.30am-1pm – John McAleer (University of Southampton) and Sarah Longair (British Museum/Birkbeck) – 'Objects of Empire: Museums and the British Imperial Experience'

1pm-2pm – Lunch

2pm-3pm – Katherine Prior – 'Collecting Empire: Lessons from the British Empire and Commonwealth Museum'

3pm-4pm – Roundtable – Sue Giles (Bristol Museums), Richard Burley (Bristol Record Office), Tim Cole (History, UoB), Simon Potter (History, UoB)

4pm-5pm – Drinks, Student Common Room, 11 Woodland Road

This event has been funded by a grant from BIRTHA at the University of Bristol. There is no charge to register for this event, but please email [Dr Simon Potter](#) if you would like to attend.

Empire, War and Nation in the Bay of Bengal: History and Commemoration in India and the Andaman Islands

Public Lecture by [Prof Clare Anderson](#) (University of Leicester), 6.15pm, Wednesday 12 December 2012

Venue - [ss Great Britain](#) (Viridor Theatre), Bristol

For free tickets please [book online](#) by 10 December.

This lecture is sponsored by the University of Bristol, and is part of a series of events looking at the memorialisation and commemoration of empire. For more details contact [Dr Simon Potter](#).

Connected Histories of Empire

Conference – *Call for Papers*

15-16 July 2013, Centre for the Study of Colonial & Postcolonial Societies, University of Bristol

Over the last two decades, scholars have begun to characterise the British Empire as a complex patchwork of interacting and dynamic agencies, rather than as a homogenous monolith. As a result, the traditional spatial framework based on a stable division between the metropole and the periphery seems increasingly outmoded. Instead, historians, literary critics, scholars of globalisation, and philosophers have been writing about the webs, networks, and circuits in which people, objects, and ideas moved. This conference will interrogate the idea of an empire of connections, considering the possibilities opened up by thinking in terms of global interaction, as well as the challenges of incorporating the myriad interconnections of empire into coherent historical narratives.

The conference is the culmination of a year of events at the University of Bristol which have focused particularly on the memorialisation and commemoration of the British Empire. As scholars have begun to uncover the intricately woven interconnections of empire, a central concern of the conference will be to consider how this might influence how empire has been, and is, remembered and memorialised in Britain and elsewhere.

We would like to invite proposals for papers and panels that speak to the following broad themes:

The commemoration and memorialisation of different imperial sites, events and phenomena

- Links between imperial port-cities/global cities
- Flows of people, goods (physical and cultural), and cash
- The movement, preservation and display of imperial artefacts and archives

- Imperial networks and imperial careering
- Imperial audiences and public spheres
- The links between global history and imperial history

We would like to encourage broad discussion of connections and comparisons between different modern empires: proposals need not be restricted to the history of the British empire. We would also welcome papers from a range of academic disciplines.

To apply please send a 250 word abstract to the organisers at connectedhistoriesofempire@yahoo.co.uk by 14 January 2013.

Conference organisers:

History: Ms Emily Baughan, Prof Robert Bickers, Prof Peter Coates, Prof Tim Cole, Dr Simon Potter, Dr Jonathan Saha, Dr Rob Skinner

Hispanic, Portuguese and Latin American Studies: Dr Matthew Brown, Dr Joanna Crow

English: Dr John Lee

Archaeology & Anthropology: Prof Mark Horton