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Empire and Gender
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This is a reading seminar designed to consider recent scholarship on empire and gender in Africa, Latin America and Asia. The theme is heterogeneity: in theoretical conceptualization, methodology, empire, and chronology. The works to be read approach the question of empire and gender in very different ways, allowing us to draw from and criticize many ways of understanding maleness and femaleness in the context of imperialism and colonialism.

Requirements:

1. Attendance
2. Weekly reaction papers
3. An individual project negotiated with the professor

Attendance is required, obviously; please inform the professor before class of any planned or unplanned absences.

Weekly reaction papers are informal. Normally they would be one page or two in length (single space) which you a) summarize the argument of the monograph in a short paragraph of 3-4 lines; b) jot down your comments to particular points raised in the reading; c) raise 3-4 questions/issues for seminar discussion. In your weekly reaction papers, please try to compare and contrast the current reading with previous ones. Reaction papers will be collected after class by the professor and will serve as a springboard for in-class discussion. No reaction papers will be accepted after the seminar has met.

Individual projects are negotiated individually with the professor and should be designed to further your current research, writing, academic interests/program/fields etc. The nature of "projects" can vary widely, depending on your needs. Please contact the professor individually to discuss what would work best for you.

Readings by geographical area:

Africa

Nancy Rose Hunt, A Colonial Lexicon of Birth Ritual, Medicalization, and Mobility in the Congo (Durham, N.C.: Duke University Press, 1999). GT2465.C74 H85 1999

Luise White, The Comforts of Home: Prostitution in Colonial Nairobi (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1990). HQ260.5.N35 W451 1990

Susan Geiger, Tanu Women: Gender and Culture in the Making of Tanganyikan Nationalism, 1955-1965 (Portsmouth, N.H.: Heinemann Press, 1997). HQ1236.5.T34 G45 1997

Latin America

Steve J. Stern, The Secret History of Gender: Women, Men, and Power in Late Colonial Mexico (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1997). HQ 1075.5 .M6 S741 1995

Christine Hunefeldt, Liberalism in the Bedroom: Quarreling Spouses in Nineteenth-Century Lima (University Park: Penn State University Press, 2000). HQ606.15.L5 H86 2000

Sarah Chambers, From Subjects to Citizens: Honor, Gender, and Politics in Arequipa, Peru, 1780-1854 (University Park: Penn State University Press, 1999). JS2678.A72 C48 1999

Elisa Sampson Vera Tudela, Colonial Angels: Narratives of Gender and Spirituality in Mexico, 1580-1750 (Austin: University of Texas Press, 2000). PQ7133.T83 2000

South Asia

Antoinette Burton, Burdens of History: British Feminists, Indian Women, and Imperial Culture, 1865-1915 (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1994). HQ 1593 .B871 1994

*Mrinalini Sinha, Colonial Masculinity: The 'Manly Englishman' and the 'Effeminate Bengali' in the Late Nineteenth Century (Manchester: Manchester University Press, 1995). HQ 1090.7 .I4 S561 1995

Comparative/Compendium

Ronald Hyam, Empire and Sexuality: The British Experience (Manchester: Manchester University Press, 1991). HQ18.G7 H931 1990

Julia Ann Clancy-Smith and Frances Gouda, eds., Domesticating the Empire: Race, Gender, and Family Life in French and Dutch Colonialism (Charlottesville: University Press of Virginia, 1998). HQ1613.D62 1998

*Out of print; available only in print reserves, MSEL.