



Comparative Colonial Studies or Frontier Studies? A Case Study of Qing Imperial Discourse on Taiwan

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To expand our understanding of global imperialism in the pre-modern and modern eras, this workshop will use the case study of Taiwan to explore how the frameworks of comparative colonial studies and frontier studies differ in their interpretations of Qing Dynasty (1644-1912) expansionism. How do these divergent frameworks produce competing notions of indigeneity, for example, or of territorial sovereignty? In what ways does the notion of “Chinese colonialism” (or “imperialism”) contest historical narratives of European exceptionalism? To consider the contemporary relevance of these historiographical questions, we will also discuss whether academic resistance to the idea of “Chinese colonialism” forecloses critiques of current PRC territorial claims or precludes the discourse of indigeneity in contemporary China. Workshop participants will be asked to reflect on how an understanding of Qing expansionism might inform their own research.

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Anmeldung: Über das Vorlesungsverzeichnis ab 01.08.

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