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Decolonizing History: Mandate, Metaphor, or Madness?

Master Class with Prof. Jean Allman (Washington University St. Louis),
Basel, 18.10.2019

In 2015 the student-led #rhodesmustfall movement exploded across the academic landscape in South Africa, with demands that the curriculum of universities be decolonized. Since then, academic institutions, disciplines, and scholarly associations across the globe have been grappling with what it means to “decolonize.” The first half of this class is devoted to a critical discussion of recent key texts on “decolonization,” with special relevance to the discipline of history. In the second half of the class, we will convene in three small groups to try our hand at “decolonizing” an undergraduate history curriculum, a world history syllabus, and a history journal.

When: Fr, 18.10.2019, 9 am - 1 pm (Lunch will follow)

Where: Department of History, Hirschgässlein 21, 4051 Basel, Seminar Room 4

Registration: bgsh.geschichte.unibas.ch (Deadline: 10.10.2019)

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All participants are kindly invited to the Basel History Lecture on the evening before the Master Class. Prof. Jean Allman will talk about “Whiteness, Racial Politics, and the Making of African Studies”. (Thu, 17.10.19, 6 pm - 8 pm, University of Basel, Kollegienhaus, Petersplatz 1, 4051 Basel)