Since decades, scholars are arguing whether Enlightenment provided for the cultural and intellectual origins of modern colonialism. On one hand, postcolonial authors believe that enlightened rationalism helped delegitimize non-European cultures. On the other hand, numerous historians of ideas and literature 'defend' at least some 18th-century philosophes whom they consider to have been 'anti-colonialists'.

The aim of the workshop is to concretise the terms of the debate. It will contextualise ideas and make the link between intellectual, social and political history. For this reason, the focus of the workshop lies on 'imperial actors', that is people appropriating 'enlightened' constructions of reality in order to position themselves in an imperial field. 'Enlightenment' will not be understood here as a fix set of ideas, but as the claim of eighteenth-century elites to hold the torch of reason in the darkness, that is to create a 'reasonable' and 'natural' social order and to educate people. The aim of the workshop is to explore the different appropriations of that claim by competing groups of actors. The interactions between 'foreign', 'native', and 'hybrid' elites are of special interest in this framework.

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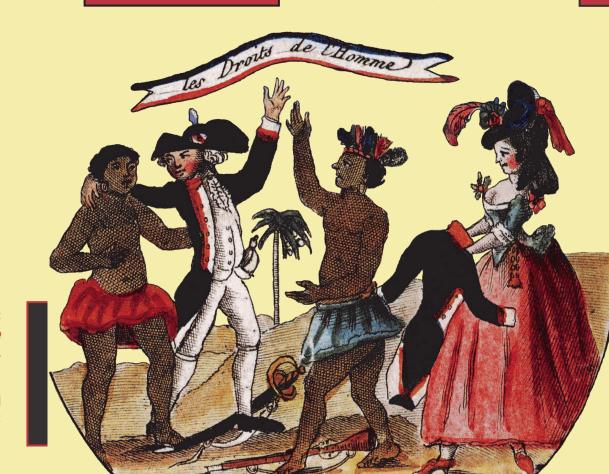


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International Workshop

Friday, 12th and Saturday, 13th June 2015

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Thursday, 11 th June 2015					15.45	Klemens Kaps (University Pablo de Olavide, Sevilla, Spain):
	19.30	Informal get-together in a restaurant				Creating differences for integration: Enlightened reforms and civilizing mission in the Eastern European possessions of the
Friday, 12 th June 2015						Habsburg Monarchy
	08.30	Damien Tricoire (Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg,			16.45	Coffee break
	-	Germany): Introduction/ Concept of the workshop		TRANS	OCEANIC POINTS	S OF VIEW: WRITING ABOUT CHANGE AND REVOLUTION AROUND 1800
THE CONSTRUCTION OF SIMILARITY: POLICIES TOWARDS INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND					17.15	Anja Bandau (Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz University, Hannover, Germany): Jean-Francois de Saint-Lambert and his moral conte
INDIGENOUS AGENCY IN IMPERIAL BORDER REGIONS AFTER 1750						"Ziméo" (1769) in the context of abolitionist and imperial/
	08.45	Maria Regina Celestino de Almeida (Universidade Federal				colonial activities
		Fluminense, Niterói, Rio de Janeiro state, Brazil): Portuguese Indigenous Policy and Indigenous Policies in			18.15	Jeremy D. Popkin (University of Kentucky, Lexington, USA): Colonial Enlightenment and the French Revolution: Julien
		Age of Enlightenment: Assimilationist Proposals and the Maintenance of Indigenous Identities				Raimond and Milscent Créole
	00.45	Ricarda Vulpius (Ludwig Maximilian University Munich,			20.00	Dinner
	09.45	Germany): Colonial Concepts and Practices of ,Enlightened		Saturd	lay, 13 th June 20	015
		Russian Governors in Imperial Borderlands			09.00	Sven Trakulhun (Constance University, Germany): From an
	10.45	Coffee break				Asian Point of View: Colonialism and Enlightenment in the Age of Revolution (c. 1780 – 1820)
	11.15	Yvonne Kleinmann (Martin Luther University Halle- Wittenberg, Germany): Administration as a Forum of			10.00	
		Enlightened Communication? Scholars in the Service of the			10.00	Matthias Middell (Leipzig University, Germany): Lessons Learned From the Crisis of Empire? The French Revolution
		Russian Empire in the late 18 th Century				and the 18 th -century Imperial History
	12.15	Damien Tricoire (Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg, Germany): New Old Assimilationism: Enlightened Scriptural			11.00	Coffee break
		Strategies, Silencing, and the Writing of a French Colonial			11.30	Doris L. Garraway (Northwestern University, USA): Black
		Novel in Madagascar (1760s – 1810s)				Athena in Haiti: Universal History, Civilization, and the Pre- History of Negritude in the Kingdom of Henry Christophe
	13.15	Lunch break				
	14.45	Lía Quarleri (Universidad Nacional de San Martín, Buenos	FACULTATIVE AFTERNOON PROGRAM			
		Aires, Argentina): New Forms of Colonialism in Imperial Border Regions: Political Agency, Ideology of Change and			14.00	Guided tour through Francke's foundations (Damien Tricoire)
		Internal Contradictions (Río de la Plata, late 18 th century)				