Nation & Empire
A Graduate Reading Group

Description:
This reading group meets 1-2 times monthly to consider the relationships between nation and empire, and the various identities that they construct. We will examine the intersections of “citizen” and “subject” from the late eighteenth through twentieth centuries from legal, cultural, and postcolonial perspectives. We encourage cross-disciplinary and transnational approaches to the study of imperial and national identity formation, and hope this group will allow students to engage more directly with these topics.

Guiding Questions:
How did imperial subjects construct their identities in relation to the metropole? Is the simultaneous rise of imperialism and nationalism complementary, or oppositional? How do the voluntary and involuntary movements of people through nations, empires, and diasporas impact their citizenships and subjectivities? How does the perception of the ‘other’, constructed against both space and time, shape identities? To what extent are the boundaries of nation and empire in flux, and for what purposes?

Semester Schedule:
Meetings: January 24, February 7, April 4
Danna Agmon Workshop: March 1
Dane Kennedy Workshop: March 21 @ 11:45
Dane Kennedy Lecture: March 21 @ 4:00

Major Event:
Renowned scholar of British empire Dane Kennedy (GWU)
will join us for a public lecture and graduate workshop in March!

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