

CONFERENCE CALL FOR PAPERS

Connected Histories, Mirrored Empires British and French Imperialism from the 17th through 20th centuries

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How were the British and French empires formed in relation, contrast or in spite of the other? How was each complicit in shaping the other—as opponent, ally, or frère ennemi? How were they connected? This conference encourages historians to conceive of the French and British empires together, as each empire endured as a point of reference and connection for the other. This conference addresses connections and shared experiences of the French and English/British empires from their emergence in the early modern period through decolonization. Papers might address cooperation and/or conflict between the two empires either locally or more broadly, including any aspect of the early modern or modern era, and any geographical region (Americas, Atlantic, Africa, Mediterranean, Middle East, Asia, Pacific, Indian Ocean, etc). Proposed papers should not just compare empires but analyze connections and/or relationships between them. This conference explores formal and informal empire in various historical modes (cultural, literary, intellectual, political, social, economic, military, religious, labor, environmental, etc).

Venue: University of Hong Kong, 27-29 May 2016

Proposals are invited for individual papers of about 20 minutes, and for panels including three such papers. Address questions to James Fichter at britfran@hku.hk.

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