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The University Seminars is a consortium of more than ninety independent seminars. It is an evolving academic enterprise. Individual seminars consist of professors and other experts, from Columbia and elsewhere, who gather on an ongoing basis to consider issues of practical and theoretical importance that cross the boundaries of academic departments. In this way, The University Seminars links Columbia University with the intellectual resources of the surrounding communities. This outreach offers the fruits of interaction and mutual intellectual enrichment to all participants.

Each seminar elects its own officers, plans its own program, and selects its own membership: members from Columbia, associate members from elsewhere, and any speakers or other guests it invites to its sessions. Approximately half of the seminars admit selected graduate students as guests. Seminar participants and speakers attend by invitation and neither pay nor are paid, although a central office supports travel and hotel expenses for speakers when its endowment income permits.

Some seminars are tight, restricted discussion groups that specialize in particular subfields; others are broad-based lecture series where eminent visitors disseminate the latest knowledge. Frank Tannenbaum, the founder of The University Seminars, believed that uniformity imposed from above would destroy them.

As independent entities, the seminars can take intellectual risks the schools and departments of the University might not otherwise assume. They provide something every great institution needs: private, autonomous venues where intellectual activity is fast, cheap, and beyond central control. Columbia is one of the few universities, or businesses, with the courage to institutionalize such independence.

Minutes are taken at all seminar meetings. Seminars may permit their members open and immediate access to these minutes, or they may keep them closed; after five years, all minutes are incorporated into The University Seminars Digital Archive, available to scholars through the Columbia University Rare Book and Manuscript Library. Individual seminars decide which of these policies to adopt. The central office maintains a website, and each seminar has a dedicated page.

The University Seminars subsidizes the publication of certain books written under its auspices and may help individual seminars arrange conferences, either to make discoveries public or to work privately with scholars too distant to be regular seminar participants.

Seminars are closed to the general public, press, and other media; however, seminars welcome new members, both from Columbia and from the larger community. To be invited to attend a seminar, please write to the seminar chair expressing your interest and qualifications in the seminar's area of study.

For a complete list of current seminars and chairs, please visit: universityseminars.columbia.edu.



Drawing of Faculty House, 1923

HISTORY OF THE SEMINARS

In the 1930's, Professor Frank Tannenbaum and Columbia University President Nicholas Murray Butler discussed the idea of creating ongoing groups of Columbia professors and experts from the region to explore matters no single department had the breadth or the agility to study. Butler saw the idea as a quick way to mobilize the intellectual resources of the University to confront suddenly emerging problems, but World War II super-vened. It was 1944 before Butler's successor, Frank Fackenthal, approved the first five University Seminars. Three of these seminars still meet: The Problem of Peace, Studies in Religion, and The Renaissance.

The University Seminars continue to serve Tannenbaum's and Butler's purposes. The Seminars have also become an intrinsic part of the enterprise that Columbia excels more than any other university: the ongoing education of its own faculty. Most of this education takes place within the academic departments, but Tannenbaum was continuing a tradition of General Education in a Core Curriculum that Columbia had been developing for thirty years. The Contemporary Civilization and the Humanities courses are famous for the breadth they give Columbia undergraduates, but the demands of teaching such wide-ranging material are astonishingly unrecognized for imparting rigor and sophistication to the professors themselves: at few universities would one find an economist teaching Plato.

This tradition positioned Columbia professors to invent the interdisciplinary regional institutes that trained graduate students to handle post-war complexities beyond their departments, and forced political scientists, economists, and literary scholars to learn from each other. Over the past seventy-five years, The University Seminars have offered specialists from Columbia and elsewhere the chance to learn and discover together.

When Tannenbaum died in 1969, there were fifty seminars. He and his wife, Jane Belo, left The Seminars approximately \$1.7 million in their wills (1969 and 1972), to be invested and reinvested as a dedicated part of Columbia's endowment. Tannenbaum wrote a charter to "protect the spontaneity of The Seminars from an unstructured situation [in which] interference is inevitable, because the desire for general rules and uniformity is irresistible."

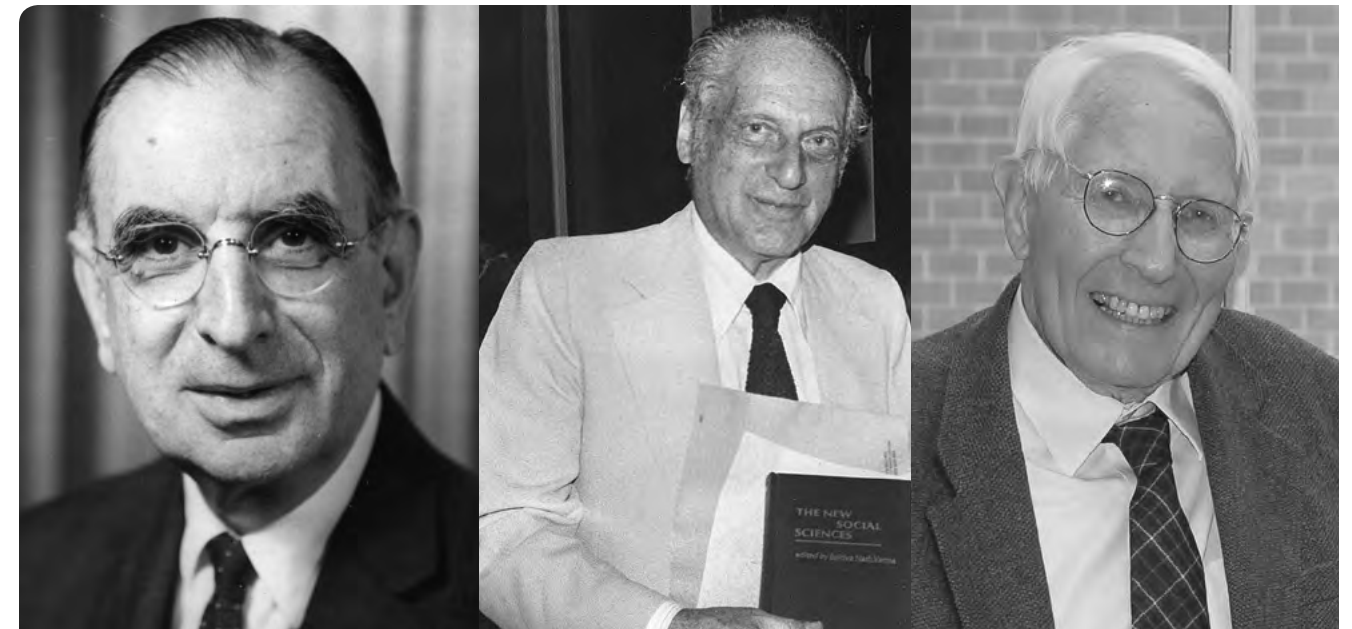
In the four decades since Frank Tannenbaum's death, the number of seminars has grown to the 87 listed in this directory. About half the seminars that were founded are still meeting, while half have merged, split, or dissolved. James Gutmann was Director



Frank Tannenbaum, historian of Latin America, Slavery, and Prison Systems; founder and first Director of The University Seminars.



Jane Belo, teacher, painter, and anthropologist. Photograph by Carl Van Vechten.



The philosopher **James Gutmann** succeeded **Tannenbaum** as Director of the Seminars; in 1976, **Aaron Warner** (middle), Professor of Economics and Dean of the School of General Studies, was appointed as his successor. Professor of Russian Literature **Robert L. Belknap** (right) was Director from 2001–2011.



Robert Pollack, Professor of Biological Sciences and current Director on Sabbatical, The University Seminars.

from 1969 to 1975, Aaron Warner from 1976 to 2000, Robert Belknap from 2001 to 2011, and Robert Pollack from 2011. Alice Newton is Interim Director.



Alice Newton, Interim Director, The University Seminars.

Writing the Annual Report for The University Seminars for the academic year 2019-2020 is a remarkable task.

Words that come to mind are: grief, shock, perspective, gratitude, joy, appreciation, nostalgia, horror, loss, and curiosity. We are living in a changing, unpredictable sea. Anything can happen. The unfathomable did happen and we are still grappling with the enormity of living in a pandemic.

For some of us, the mundane details of life go on, but have a sort of magic to them. For others, the swerve in our lives is profound and may be long lasting. Some of the changes leave us grieving for what is lost. At the same time, perhaps it's easier to see what is essential. Perhaps we will emerge with a renewed dedication to those aspects of our lives.

There are many ways this is a frightening time to be alive. COVID-19, of course, but also the sense of community that many of us felt in April, May, and June; the coming together to support each other, has changed. Nationally we are in crisis. The hopefulness, which many felt in reaction to the national and international surge of protests supporting Black Lives Matter is being challenged by a visceral and understandable foreboding. We are clearly at a critical juncture in America, and possibly around the world; a crisis which has been heightened by COVID-19. It is imperative that we figure out new ways to hold onto community and hope.

I had the privilege of writing the introduction to our anniversary book, *A Community of Scholars: Seventy-Five Years of The University Seminars at Columbia*. Reading and rereading the essays in the book, and learning more about the history of The Seminars, gave me a rush of pride; just to be part of this Institution, to know where it has been and to think about where it could go.

We naively wrote in the spring newsletter that we would have a party in the fall for the anniversary book and maybe even reschedule the Annual Dinner. We know better now. We know that planning for these events this fall was optimism to the point of delusion, and that even next spring is probably wishful thinking. We will have these events and they will be remarkable! But all dates are to be determined.

In the meantime, we are impressed with the resilience of our community of scholars and its dedication to the work of research and dialogue. We have found hope in the enthusiastic embrace of Zoom meetings by many of the seminars. And clear-

ly the reach of Zoom won't be left behind when we are able to have in-person meetings again.

The fall went pretty much according to plan. Madeleine Zelin gave the Schoff Lectures. For many of us, the topic was outside our areas of expertise: *China semi-incorporated: the battle for a Chinese legal modernity in the early twentieth century*. Madeleine's encyclopedic knowledge and enthusiasm for her subject was compelling.

Our 75th Anniversary book of essays, edited by Thomas Vinguerra, was delivered on time to Columbia University Press. We are fortunate in having excellent back cover blurbs showing enthusiasm for the book and the institution. As Bob Pollack so aptly put it: "These essays provide examples of the Seminars' novel capacity for private conversation, a rare example of socialization in an academic context that has proven at once intellectually fertile, politically relevant, and emotionally gratifying over these many decades."

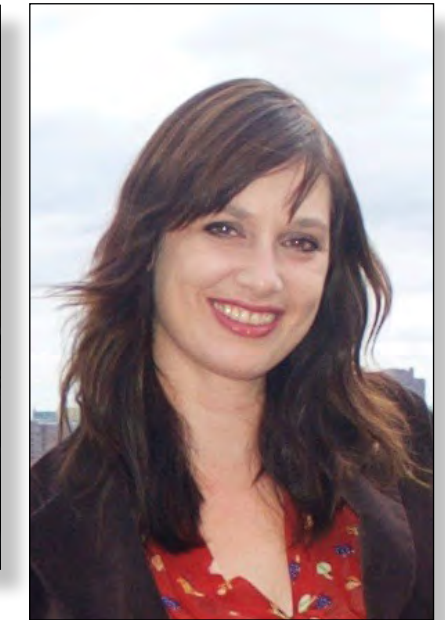
I, and the rest of the office, miss our colleagues in Faculty House: Scott Buonomo, Damien Nolan and Emerald Currie. They are always a pleasure to work with. We also appreciate the leadership of Sanjay Mahajan, Scott Wright, and David Martin of University Events Management. We are eager to see the kind and generous staff in Faculty House again. We are eager to see each other again, but for now, we Zoom.

It's been an interesting but difficult year to be The University Seminars Interim Director. The job has been made possible, and even joyful, by my wonderful colleagues: Summer Hart, Pamela Guardia, John Jayo, Gesenia Alvarez-Lazauskas, and Nataly Shahaf. Bob Pollack is a steadfast advisor and was on the mark in recommending in early March that we cancel all in-person meetings. I especially want to thank the members of our Advisory Board (they are listed in the front of this directory.) The board has supported the seminars and has been available and encouraging to me personally.

I hope some of the insights and changes stick as we move toward a post-pandemic future.

Here's to less interesting times!

Alice Newton
Interim Director, The University Seminars



THE UNIVERSITY SEMINARS &
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY PRESS
announce the twenty-seventh series of the

LEONARD HASTINGS SCHOFF
MEMORIAL LECTURES

Madeleine Zelin

Dean Lung Professor of Chinese Studies; Professor of History
and East Asian Languages and Cultures, Columbia University

Law was central to China's early twentieth century transformation from empire to republic. This transformation not only uprooted the foundations of political life. It demanded the fashioning of a new and uniquely Chinese legal modernity in the shadow of Western extraterritorial privilege. In order to understand the ways in which law developed on contested ground in places like early twentieth century China, it may be useful to look at seemingly small struggles that reveal the larger processes at work. In these three lectures we will examine just such a struggle. In the first lecture we will see how the idea of the company was naturalized within a Chinese moral universe and came to represent law as the source of western power. In the second, we will trace the resurrection of the customary realm as it challenged the hegemony of law on the books and the notion that before the arrival of Europeans China had no private law. Finally, in the third lecture we will take a position as observers to the struggle between Chinese custom and the arrogance of Western legal universality at extraterritoriality's premier forum, the Shanghai International Mixed Court.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2019, 8 PM

**I: The "Company" Will Save Us:
Utopian Visions of the Corporation in Late Qing
China**

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2019, 8 PM

**II: Local Knowledge, Legal Transplants and the
Struggle over Limited Liability**

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2019, 8 PM

**III: What is Law when East meets West: The Les-
sons of the Ming Sung Umbrella Factory Case in
the Shanghai International Mixed Court**

Cover image: Shanghai Nanjing Road, 1930s

Madeleine Zelin is Dean Lung Professor of Chinese Studies and Professor of History and East Asian Languages and Cultures at Columbia University. Beginning with her first book, *The Magistrates Tael*, Zelin's work has focused on the intersection of formal and informal institutions in the economic, political and legal development of China. *The Merchants of Zigong: Industrial Enterprise in Early Modern China* was awarded the 2006 Allan Sharlin Memorial Prize of the Social Science History Association, the 2006 Fairbank Prize of the Association for Asian Studies and the 2007 Humanities Book Prize of the International Convention on Asian Studies. Zelin served many years as director of the Weatherhead East Asian Institute and as Director of Columbia University's East Asian National Resource Center. Outside the university she has worked to promote understanding of China in the US and as an integral part of teaching and research in the social sciences, in roles including Co-Director of the Luce Foundation-AAS Project on Emerging Fields in Asian Studies-Economic History, and as a member of the Board of Trustees of the National Committee for US China Relations. She is an avid New York amateur flutist.

PAST SCHOFF LECTURES

1993: David N. Cannadine

The Rise and Fall of Class in Britain, 1700–2000

1994: Charles E. Larmore

The Romantic Legacy

1995: Saskia Sassen

Governing the Global Economy

1996: Kenneth T. Jackson

*Gentleman's Agreement: Political Balkanization
and Social Inequality in America*

1997: Ira Katznelson

*Desolation and Enlightenment: Political Knowledge
After the Holocaust, Totalitarianism, and Total War*

1998: Carol Gluck

Past Obsessions: War and Memory in the Twentieth Century

1999: Robert Pollack

The Faith of Biology and the Biology of Faith

2000: Lisa Anderson

*The Scholar and the Practitioner: Perspectives
on Social Science and Public Policy*

2001: Partha Chatterjee

The Politics of the Governed

2002: David Rosand

The Invention of Painting in America

2003: George Rupp

Globalization Challenged: Conviction, Conflict, Community

2004: Lesley A. Sharp

Bodies, Commodities, Biotechnologies

2005: Robert W. Hanning

*Serious Play: Crises of Desire and Authority
in the Poetry of Ovid, Chaucer, and Ariosto*

2006: Boris Gasparov

*The Early Romantic Roots of Theoretical Linguistics:
Friedrich Schlegel, Novalis, and Ferdinand de Saussure
on Sign and Meaning*

2007: Douglas Chalmers

*Representative Government Without Representatives:
Seven Reasons to Think Beyond Electing Executives and Law-
makers*

2009: Philip Kitcher

Deaths in Venice: The Case(s) of Gustav (von) Aschenbach

2010 (Spring): Jean Howard

Staging History; Imagining the Nation

2010 (Fall): Alan Brinkley

Seeing the Great Depression

2011: Robert L. Belknap

Plot

2012: Herbert Terrace

Why Two Minds Are Better Than One: The Evolution of Words

2013: Paige West

*Accumulation by Dispossession?: Loss, Change,
& the Future of the Melanesian Pacific*

2014: Annette Insdorf

Coherence and Resonance: How to Read Film Openings

2015: Robert E. Remez

*The Good Listener: Behavioral Neuroscience Considers the
Perception of Speech*

2016: Robert O'Meally

*"Fancy Sticks": The Action-Art of Toni Morrison,
Romare Bearden, and Jazz*

2017: Edward Mendelson

Medicine, Empire, Love: The Inner Life of Mrs. Dalloway

2018: Fred Lerdahl

Reflections on Music and Language

LEONARD HASTINGS SCHOFF PUBLICATION FUND

In 1970 Leonard Hastings Schoff and his wife, Suzanne Levick Schoff, made a bequest to The University Seminars to assist in the publication of learned manuscripts or monographs in the fields of economics, sociology, psychology, penology, and the behavioral sciences.

In 2019-2020, the following 21 books were published with the assistance of the *The Leonard Hastings Schoff and Suzanne Levick Schoff Memorial Fund*.

405 | **Patton Burchett**, *A Genealogy of Devotion: Bhakti, Tantra, Yoga, and Sufism in North India*

417 | **Gretchen H. Gerzina**, *Britain's Black Past*

431 | **Hannah Barker**, *That Most Precious Merchandise: The Mediterranean Trade in Black Sea Slaves, 1260-1500*

445 | **Tatiana Linkhoeva**, *Revolution Goes East: Imperial Japan and Soviet Communism*

483 | **Gaoheng Zhang**, *Migration and the Media: Debating Chinese Migration to Italy, 1992-2012*

483 | **Naor H Ben-Yehoyada**, *Incorporare il Mediterraneo: formazione regionale tra Sicilia e Tunisia nel secondo dopoguerra* [translation of: *The Mediterranean Incarnate Region Formation Between Sicily and Tunisia Since World War II*] Meltemi Editon

509 | **Joshua I. Cohen**, *The "Black Art" Renaissance: African Sculpture and Modernism across Continents*

535 | **Pat Laurence**, *Elizabeth Bowen: A Literary Life*

535 | **Tomás Ó h-Íde**, *From Árann to the Silver Screen*

551 | **Lale Can**, *Spiritual Subjects: Central Asian Pilgrims and the Ottoman Hajj at the End of Empire*

551 | **Mayte Green**, *Visions of Deliverance: Moriscos and the Politics of Prophecy in the Early Modern Mediterranean*

581 | **David Hershinow**, *Shakespeare and the Truth-Teller: Confronting the Cynic Ideal*

583 | **Duncan McCargo**, *Fighting for Virtue: Justice and Politics in Thailand*

661 | **Louis Rolsky**, *The Rise and Fall of the Religious Left: Politics, Television, and Popular Culture in the 1970s and Beyond*

661 | **Hillary Kaell**, *Christian Globalism at Home: Child Sponsorship in the United States*

661 | **Michael D. McNally**, *Defend the Sacred: Native American Religious Freedom beyond the First Amendment*

701 | **Tobias Harper**, *From Servants of the Empire to Everyday Heroes: The British Honours System in the Twentieth Century*

711 | **Matthew Hart**, *Extraterritorial: A Political Geography of Contemporary Fiction*

739 | **Nancy Stern**, *Columbia School Linguistics in the 21st Century*

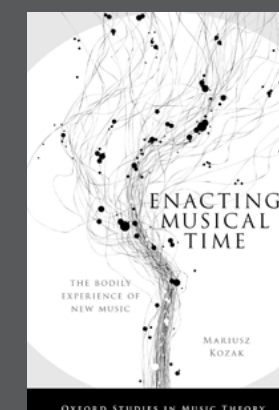
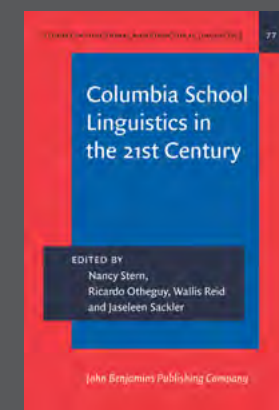
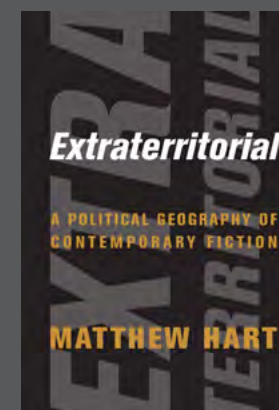
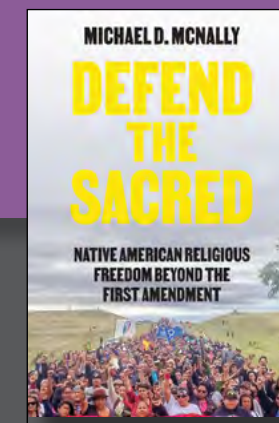
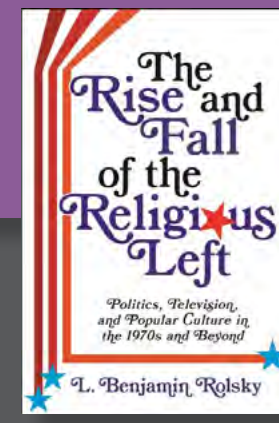
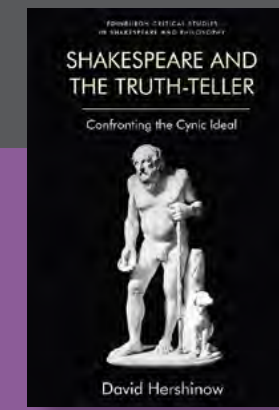
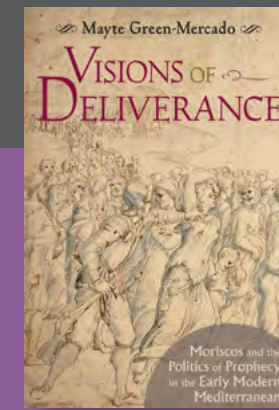
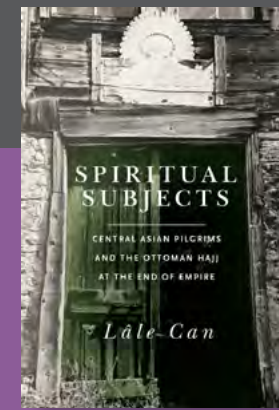
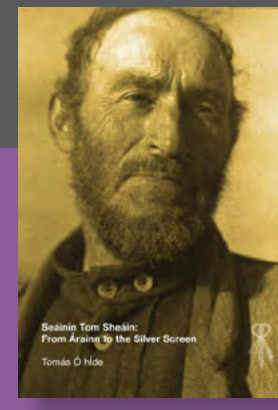
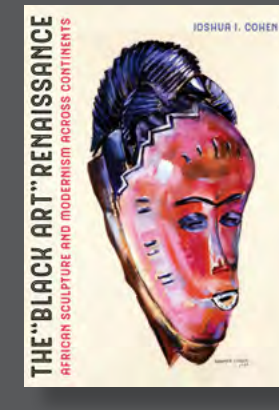
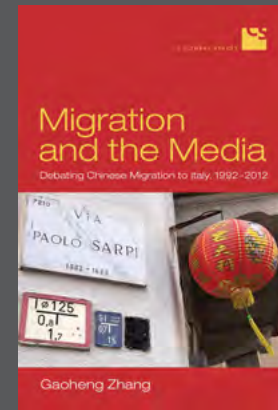
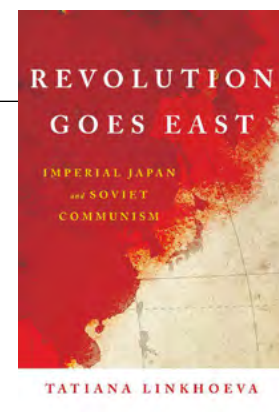
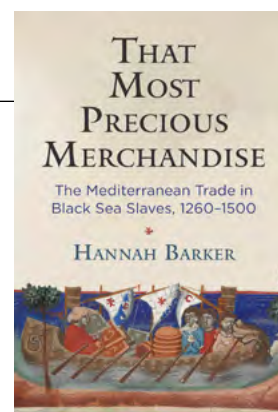
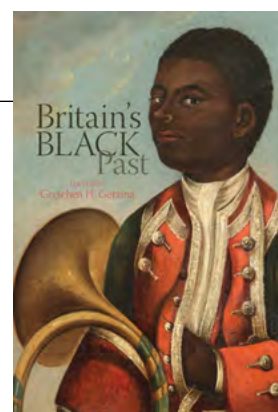
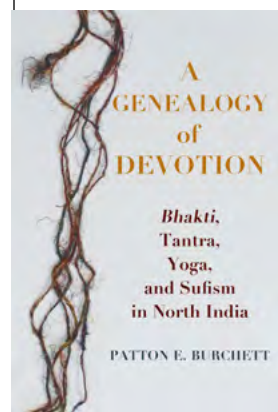
749 | **Mariusz Kozak**, *Enacting Musical Time: The Bodily Experience of New Music*

Why Chimpanzees Can't Learn Language and Only Humans Can



HERBERT S. TERRACE

Herbert Terrace, *Why Chimpanzees Can't Learn Language and Only Humans Can*, Schoff Lecture (2012)



Occasionally, a seminar's central concerns involve scholars too distant for regular participation or a seminar wants to engage a broader audience. On such occasions, the seminar may wish to organize a conference or public symposium. Conferences and public symposia on issues of paramount interest to the seminar members and the seminars community are an exciting part of The University Seminars.

In order for the Conference Committee to consider a proposal for a conference, conference guidelines must be acknowledged and a proposal must be submitted through The University Seminars website. Additionally, the conference must come from the work of a University Seminar. All or some of the members of the seminar must be committed to being central to the conference and the organization of it, and members must agree on the basic need and goal of the conference. The seminar chair and/or selected members are expected to plan the conference.

In 2019-2020, The University Seminars sponsored or co-sponsored the conferences or special sessions listed on the following pages.

New Directions and Connections in British Urban History

A TWO-DAY WORKSHOP
September 12-13, 2019



NEW DIRECTIONS AND CONNECTIONS IN BRITISH URBAN HISTORY

701 • The University Seminar on Modern British History

Co-sponsored by the Columbia University Seminar on Modern British History and the Global Research Initiative at New York University. Supported by British Studies at Columbia University, Glucksman Ireland House, the Department of History at New York University, the Center for European and Mediterranean Studies at New York University, and the Institute for French Studies at New York University

September 12-13 2019

British urban history is thriving. This workshop brings many leading scholars together for the first time, placing them in conversation with colleagues in European, South Asian, US, and digital urban history.

Thursday, September 12

NEW DIRECTIONS

STATE OF THE FIELD I: A DISCUSSION OF NEW BOOKS

Chair: **Guy Ortolano**, New York University

Simon Gunn, University of Leicester (England, UK)

Otto Saumarez Smith, University of Warwick (England, UK)

Catherine Flinn, Oxford Brookes University (England, UK)

STATE OF THE FIELD II: A DISCUSSION OF NEW WORK

Chair: **Sarah Mass**, Sam Houston State University

Divya Subramanian, Columbia University

Jesse Meredith, Colby College

Allistair Kefford, University of Leicester (England, UK)

WALKING TOUR OF "GREENWICH VILLAGE MODERNISM"

Arthur Platt, Fink & Platt Associates

Friday, September 13

NEW CONNECTIONS

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Charlotte Wildman-Tarozzi, University of Manchester (England, UK)

Valerie Wright, University of Glasgow (Scotland, UK)

KEYNOTE LECTURE

New Directions in Urban History: Charting Transnational Connections

Rosemary Wakeman, Fordham University

THE ORIGINS OF THE URBAN CRISIS: A TRANS-ATLANTIC PERSPECTIVE

Chair: **Chris Klemek**, George Washington University

Sam Wetherell, University of York (England, UK)

James Greenhalgh, University of Lincoln (England, UK)

Erika Hanna, University of Bristol (England, UK)

Tom Sugrue, New York University

Tracing, Charting, Mapping, Drawing: Analytical Cartography as Historical GIS

Leah Meisterlin, Columbia University

“BOOK PARTS”

a conference



BOOK PARTS

787 • The University Seminar on Material Texts

Co-sponsored by the Columbia University Seminar on Material Texts, the Heyman Center for the Humanities and Society of Fellows in Humanities at Columbia University, the Department of English at Columbia University, the Department of Classics at Columbia University, and the Columbia University Dean of the Humanities

October 11, 2019

To showcase the exciting and innovative work being done in the fields of book history and bibliography at Columbia and across the Atlantic seaboard, the Columbia University Seminar in Material Texts and the Heyman Center for the Humanities hosted a one-day “Book Parts” event on Friday, October 11, 2019, in honor of the summer 2019 publication of *Book Parts* by Oxford University Press edited by Dr. Dennis Duncan (University College London) and Prof. Adam Smyth (Balliol College, Oxford), a bold and imaginative intervention in the fast-growing field of book history that “pulls the book apart.”

Eight speakers from among the volume’s contributors each spoke about the history and meaning of different “parts” of the modern book (such as epigraphs, tables of contents, and footnotes) and the keynote speaker, Leah Price (Rutgers), responded to the day’s papers and the volume as a whole. The final portion of the program was a pop-up exhibit at Columbia’s Rare Book and Manuscript Library, for which conference speakers selected items from Columbia’s rich special collections holdings that illustrate or speak to the phenomena in their presentations.

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BOOK LAUNCH

Women Mobilizing Memory

Editors:

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2019

Room 523, Butler Library, Columbia University

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WOMEN MOBILIZING MEMORY BOOK LAUNCH

717 • The University Seminar on Cultural Memory

Co-sponsored by the Columbia University Seminar on Cultural Memory, the Center for the Study of Social Difference at Columbia, the Columbia University Dean of Humanities, Columbia University Press, the Department of English and Comparative Literature at Columbia University, and the Heyman Center for the Humanities and Society of Fellows at Columbia University

November 8, 2019

Women Mobilizing Memory, a working group within the Center for the Study of Social Difference, celebrated the recent publication of their eponymous book *Women Mobilizing Memory* with a reception and brief presentations from some of the book's contributors.

PRESENTERS

Işın ÖnoI, Independent Curator

María José Contreras Lorenzini, Universidad Católica de Chile (Chile)

Alisa Solomon, Columbia University

Andrea Crow, Boston University

Deva Woodly, The New School

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Soledad Falabella, Universidad de Chile (Chile)

Jean Howard, Columbia University

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND BORDERS: DECOLONIZATION, CONTESTATION, TRANS-BORDER PRACTICES

771• The University Seminar on Indigenous Studies

Columbia University (Institute for the Study of Human Rights, Indigenous Peoples' Rights Program), (UiT) - the Arctic University of Norway and the University of British Columbia (First Nations and Indigenous Studies, Department of Political Science) The Symposium is co-sponsored by Columbia's Institute for the Study of Human Rights (Indigenous Peoples' Rights Program); UiT - the Arctic University of Norway; the University of British Columbia (First Nations and Indigenous Studies, Department of Political Science); University of Guelph (Political Science Department), Canada; University of Lapland, Finland (Sámi and Arctic Indigenous Studies); New York University (Center for Latin American Studies); MADRE; and the International Indian Treaty Council. Within Columbia the Symposium is also co-sponsored by the Institute for Comparative Literature and Society (ICLS); the Center for the Study of Ethnicity and Race and The University Seminar on Indigenous Studies.

November 11-12, 2019



Indigenous Peoples' sovereignty, cultural integrity, connection to the land and their overall well-being continue to be threatened, defined and constrained by borders. The aim of this symposium was to provide a rare opportunity for indigenous (focused) scholars and practitioners to engage in dialogue in and through border studies. The approach of the Symposium was a multi-dimensional notion of borders that should enable an exciting policy-relevant and intellectual occasion. Given the breadth and vitality of border studies and indigenous studies, the Symposium was meant to examine and debate useful specific examples (both case studies and comparative studies) on the ground that not only deepen academic understanding, but also identify some possible solutions/directions that can have positive impacts on the vexed political, legal, environmental, economic and cultural issues at hand. Papers were presented from various regions and sub-regions, including the US-Mexico border, the Canada-US border, African border regions, the borders between Bangladesh, India and Myanmar, Sápmi (transcending the borders of Norway, Sweden, Finland and Russia) and the regions of Central and South America where the Maya Indigenous Peoples live.



Chief Clara Soaring Hawk, Lenape Nation: Opening Invocation

11 November 2019

OPENING INVOCATION

Chief Clara Soaring Hawk, Lenape Nation

WORDS OF WELCOME, INTRODUCTION TO THE SYMPOSIUM AND INTENDED OUTCOMES

Elazar Barkan, Director, Institute for the Study of Human Rights

Tone Bleie, Professor of Public Planning and Cultural Understanding, UiT - the Arctic University of Norway

Sheryl Lightfoot, Canada Research Chair of Global Indigenous Rights and Politics, The University of British Columbia

Anne Nuogram, Chairperson of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Chandra Roy Henriksen, Chief of Branch, Indigenous Peoples and Development Branch/Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues Division for Inclusive Social Development Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations
Facilitator: **Elsa Stamatopoulou**, Director, Institute for the Study of Human Rights (ISHR), Indigenous Peoples Rights Program, Columbia University

PANEL 1

Yaqui Cultural Rights and the US/Mexico Border

Peter Yucupicio, Vice Chairman, Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona

T-Nukkud We:s Ha'icu Doakud eda O'odham Ha-jewedga; Protecting and Caring for all Sacred Life in O'odham lands

Amy R. Juan, Tóhono O'odham Hemajkam Rights Network

History of Indigenous peoples along the U.S.-Mexico border, with particular attention to the experience of the Tohono O'odham, Yaqui, Kickapoo, and Apache communities

Karl Jacoby, Allan Nevins Professor of American History, Columbia University

Environmental Violence and the Border: The cross-border transport of banned pesticides and human rights impacts on the Yaqui Pueblos of Rio Yaqui, Sonora Mexico

Andrea Carmen, Director, International Indian Treaty Council

Moderator: **Sheryl Lightfoot**, Canada Research Chair of Global Indigenous Rights and Politics, The University of British Columbia

PANEL 2

Borders and Walls: The New Deatnu Agreement in Sápmi

Rauna Kuokkanen, Research Professor of Arctic Indigenous Studies at the University of Lapland (Finland) and Associate Professor of Political Science & Indigenous Studies at the University of Toronto

Disconnected Clans in Fragmented Rangelands: Aligning the East African Community Integration process with the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

Elifuraha Laltaika, Member of the UN Permanent Forum on indigenous issues, founder of the Association for Law and Advocacy for Pastoralists (ALAPA) and Professor at Tumaini University Makumira in Tanzania

Borders, Indigenous territories and land rights among the Maya people of Southern Belize in Central America

Cristina Coc, Spokesperson of the Maya Leaders Alliance

Moderator: **Chandra Roy Henriksen**, Chief of Branch, Indigenous Peoples and Development Branch/Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues Division for Inclusive Social Development Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations

PANEL 3

The A'í Cofán People: Between the invasion, the border and the resistance

Toa Maldonado-Ruiz, Kichwa Otavalo expert and researcher "Imposed Borders: Violence against Indigenous Women" Betty Lyons, Executive Director, American Indian Law Alliance

Film: *Solidarity at the Border - An International Indigenous Women's Delegation to the US-Mexico Border* - produced by MADRE, introduction by **Igdalia Rojas**, Program Coordinator Partnerships, MADRE.

Moderator : **Tone Bleie**, Professor of Public Planning and Cultural Understanding, UiT - the Arctic University of Norway

Tuesday November 12

PANEL 4

Cross-border Agreements and the Role of Free Prior and Informed Consent

Anne Nuogram, Chairperson, UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

The challenges of living on an International Border

Howard Thompson, Haudenosaunee External Relations Committee Co-Chair

"Haudenosaunee Passports and the Ongoing Negotiation of The Right of Self-Determination"

Sheryl Lightfoot, Canada Research Chair of Global Indigenous Rights and Politics The University of British Columbia

Moderator: **Rauna Kuokkanen**, Research Professor of Arctic Indigenous Studies at the University of Lapland (Finland) and Associate Professor of Political Science & Indigenous Studies at the University of Toronto

PANEL 5

"Complex Sovereignties, Indigenous Peoples, Digital Technology, and the National Security Settler State"

David B. MacDonald Professor in Political Science at the

University of Guelph

South Asia's Fractured Frontier : Armed Conflict, Weapons Proliferation and Women's Non-Violent Peace Movement in Indigenous Border Territories of Manipur and Northeast India

Binalakshmi Nepram, Global Alliance of Indigenous Peoples, Gender Justice and Peace

The Chittagong Hill Tracts of Bangladesh as a State of Exception: Jumma Citizenship and Subjectivity at the Territorial and Conceptual Margins

Hana Shams Ahmed, PhD Scholar, Department of Anthropology, York University, Toronto

Tribal Santals and Hor Hopon Cosmopolitans: Towards a theory of ancestral transboundary migrations and boundary-restorative violence

Tone Bleie, Professor of Public Planning and Cultural Understanding, UiT - the Arctic University of Norway

Moderator: **Elsa Stamatopoulou**, Director, ISHR/Indigenous Peoples' Rights Program, Columbia University

PANEL 6

Iraqi Kurdish Internet Control as Vehicle for Independence, Indigenous Rights, and the Redrawing of Borders

Melissa Patel, PhD Scholar, The London School of Economics and Political Science.

Colonial Environmental Interventions: Foregrounding Indigenous Sovereignty and Colonialism within Global Geoengineering Governance

Jacqueline Gillis, PhD Scholar, University of Guelph, Department of Political Science

Digital Technology and Indigenous Self-Determination: Pushing Back Against or Reinforcing the Boundaries of the Settler State?

Brian Budd, PhD Scholar, University of Guelph, Department of Political Science

Moderator: **Elifuraha Laltaika**, Member of the UN Permanent Forum on indigenous issues, founder of the Association for Law and Advocacy for Pastoralists (ALAPA) and professor at Tumaini University Makumira in Tanzania

CONCLUDING REMARKS ON OUTCOMES OF THE SYMPOSIUM

THANKS AND CLOSING INVOCATION

Facilitators: **Anne Nuogram, David MacDonald, Elsa Stamatopoulou**

CLOSING INVOCATION

Howard Thompson



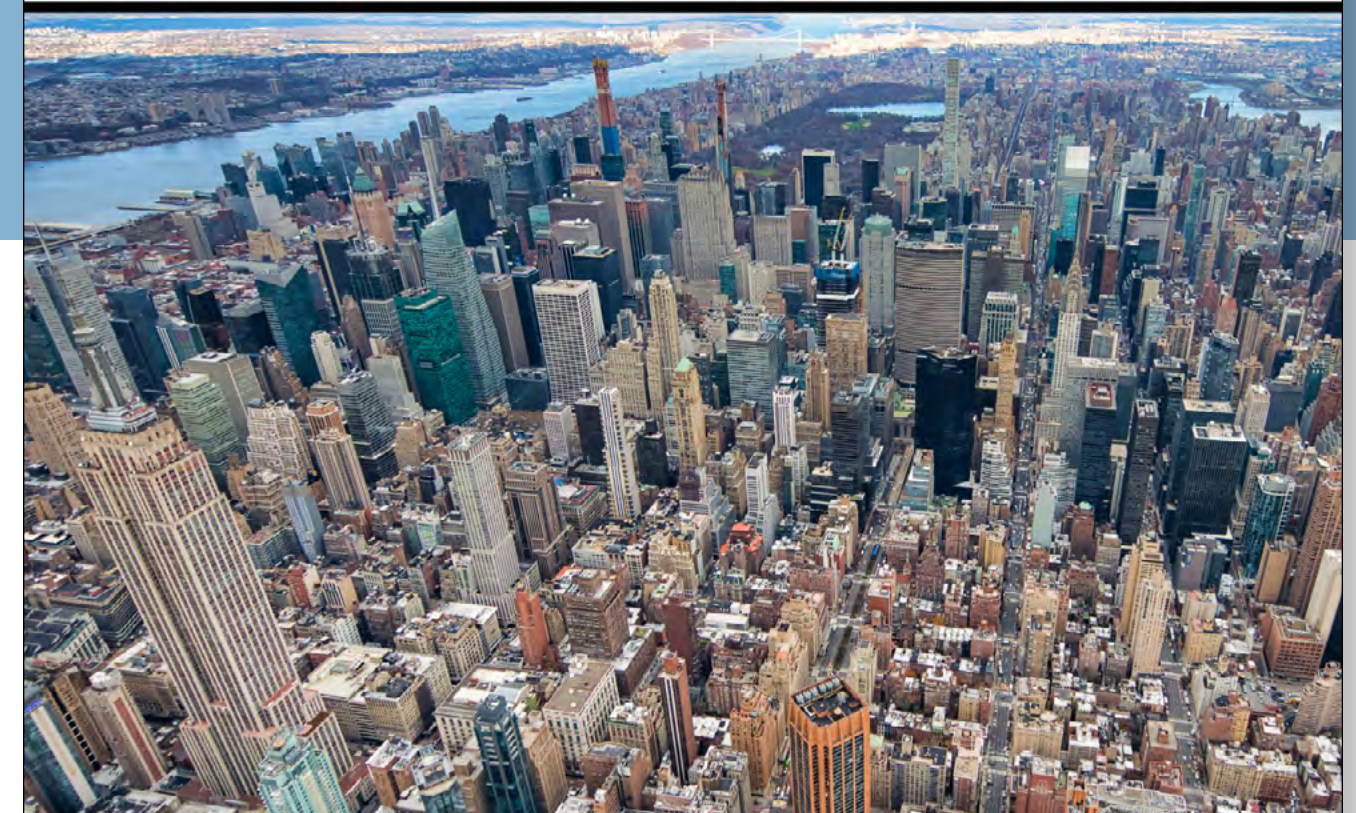
An Urban World

The Changing Landscape of Suburbs and Cities

Faculty House, Columbia University

November 14-15, 2019

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URBAN WORLD: THE CHANGING LANDSCAPE OF SUBURBS AND CITIES

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November 14-15, 2019

Thursday, November 14

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Lisa Keller, State University of New York at Purchase

Ira Katznelson, Columbia University

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Introduction: **Ann Thornton**, Columbia University

The Changing Landscape of Cities and Suburbs in the Twenty First Century

Kenneth T. Jackson, Columbia University

PANEL I: RACE, GENDER, AND ETHNICITY

Chair: **Jacqueline Dowd Hall**, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Craig Steven Wilder, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Thomas Kessner, Graduate Center, City University of New York

Estelle B. Freedman, Stanford University

Jeffrey S. Gurock, Yeshiva University

Friday, November 15

PANEL II: ASSESSING ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY

Chair: **Vincent J. Cannato**, University of Massachusetts, Boston

Ellen Stroud, Pennsylvania State University

Robert Lifset, University of Oklahoma

David Schuyler, Franklin & Marshall College

Becky Nicolaides, University of California, Los Angeles

PANEL III: URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE

Chair: **Kenneth R. Cobb**, New York City Department of Records

Owen Gutfreund, Hunter College, City University of New York

Clifton Hood, Hobart and William Smith Colleges

Eugénie L. Birch, University of Pennsylvania

Gail Radford, State University of New York at Buffalo

PANEL IV: THE WORLD VIEW

Chair: **Valerie Paley**, New York Historical Society

Nancy Kwak, University of California, San Diego

Robert Beauragard, Columbia University

A.K. Sandoval-Strausz, Pennsylvania State University

Graeme Davison, Monash University (Australia)

PANEL V: ROUNDTABLE – LOOKING INTO THE FUTURE OF CITIES AND SUBURBS

Rohit T. Aggarwala, Sidewalk Labs

Daniel L. Doctoroff, Sidewalk Labs

Walter A. Friedman, Harvard University

Timothy J. Gilfoyle, Loyola University Chicago

Thomas J. Sugrue, New York University

CONCLUDING REMARKS

Kenneth T. Jackson, Columbia University

ELECTION 2020: PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES' POSITIONS ON LATIN AMERICA

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Co-sponsored by the Columbia University Seminar on Latin America and the Cuba Program of the Institute of Latin American Studies at Columbia University

February 6, 2020

PRESENTERS

Max Paul Friedman, American University

Emily Mendrala, Center for Democracy in the Americas

Daniel P. Erickson, Blue Star Strategies LLC

COMMENTATOR

Margaret E. Crahan, Columbia University

MODERATOR

Peter Winn, Tufts University



From left to right: **Peter Winn** (Tufts University), Chair of the University Seminar on Latin America, **Emily Mendrala**, Executive Director, Center for Democracy in the Americas, **Dan Erikson**, Managing Director, Blue Star Strategies **Max Paul Friedman**, Professor, American University **Margaret Crahan**, Director of the Cuba Program at Columbia University

NEW POLITICAL ECONOMIES OF THE FRENCH EMPIRE: 19TH-20TH CENTURIES

While the cultural, political, legal and social aspects of French colonialism have received much attention over the past 30 years, the political economy of the French colonial empire has been largely neglected. This conference will bring together a new generation of historians and economists whose work engages with the nature and workings of French colonial capitalism, the reorientation of capital and labor from Haitian independence to the colonization of Algeria, economic life in France's informal empire, the circulation, production, and consumption of commodities, colonial public finance and inequality, the intersection of racial ideologies with the political economy of late colonialism, and the economic and financial dimensions of decolonization. The conference will delineate the contours of a new political economy of French colonialism in the 19th and 20th centuries.

Conference co-sponsored by ISERP (Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy), the Maison Française, the Department of History, the Society of Fellows and Heyman Center for the Humanities and the Beyond France University Seminar

With: Denis Cogneau, Frederick Cooper, Thomas Dodman, Tabetha Ewing, Mary D. Lewis, Elizabeth Heath, Simon Jackson, Aaron Jakes, Gregory Mann, Emmanuelle Saada, Samir Saul, David Todd, Vanessa Ogle, Marlous Van Waijenburg, Owen White, Madeline Woker.

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East Gallery, Buell Hall

NEW POLITICAL ECONOMIES OF THE FRENCH EMPIRE, 19TH-20TH CENTURIES

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February 28, 2020

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OPENING REMARKS

Towards a New Political Economy of the French Empire
Madeline Woker, Columbia University

Towards a New Political Economy of French Colonialism
Denis Cogneau, École d'économie de Paris (France)
Financing the African Colonial State: Fiscal Capacity and Forced Labor

RECASTING LABOR AND EMPIRE

Transplanting Empire: France and the World After the Haitian Revolution
Mary D. Lewis, Harvard University

Marlous van Waijenburg, University of Michigan
Discussant: **Frederick Cooper**, New York University

Guinée Cloth, Wage Slavery, and Colonial Commodities
Elizabeth Heath, Baruch College, City University of New York

Disastrous Abundance in French Indochina, 1920s-1940s: The Strange Life of the Opium Monopoly
Diana Kim, Georgetown University

Discussant: **Thomas Dodman**, Columbia University

ECONOMIC LIVES

French Imperial Lives in Nineteenth-Century Europe
David Todd, King's College London (England, UK)

Thinking Imperially, Acting Colonially: The Economic Rationality of Algerian Wine
Owen White, Georgetown University

Discussant: **Emmanuelle Saada**, Columbia University

The Intimacies of Purchase: Global Fordism, French Colonial Empire, and Triangular Friendship, 1921-1928
Simon Jackson, University of Birmingham (England, UK)

ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL DECOLONIZATION
French Economic Interests and Decolonization: From North Africa to Sub-Saharan Africa and Indochina
Samir Saul, Université de Montréal (Canada)

Discussant: **Aaron Jakes**, The New School

NEW QUANTITATIVE HISTORIES OF FRENCH COLONIALISM

"Funk Monkey": The End of Empires, the Expansion of Tax Havens, and Decolonization as an Economic and Financial Event
Vanessa Ogle, University of California, Berkeley



IRAQI STUDIES: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

551 • The University Seminar on Ottoman and Turkish Studies

Co-sponsored by the Columbia University Seminar on Ottoman and Turkish Studies, the Department of History at Columbia University, the Center for International History at Columbia University, the Center for the Study of Muslim Societies at Columbia University, the Department of Art History and Archaeology at Columbia University, the Middle East Institute at Columbia University, the Sakıp Sabancı Center for Turkish Studies at Columbia University, and the Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy

February 28-29, 2020

This two-day conference brought together a diverse group of established and emerging scholars working on the history of modern Iraq from the Ottoman period to the present to interrogate Iraqi studies; taking stock of its past, reflecting on the present, and looking towards its future. Studies of modern Iraq have grown qualitatively and quantitatively in recent years. There is now a critical mass of innovative scholars in the US, Europe, and the Middle East who work on Iraq and are exploring new lines of inquiry in a number of different directions. It is common to see Iraq-themed panels and round tables at international conferences. Given this volume of scholarly activity connected to modern Iraq, it is an opportune time to critically reflect on and examine Iraqi studies and its status as a burgeoning sub-field of Middle East Studies.

Among the questions we sought to explore were: How do we define Iraqi studies? What various methodological approaches inform our study of Iraq? Is Iraqi studies an inherently nationalist endeavor? How do different frameworks support or break with nationalist conventions? How has Iraq's recent turbulent history affected how scholars access sources to study the country, its geography, its people, its history, its literature, etc.? How can we move past the sectarian and ethnic narratives of understanding the Iraqi past and present?

Organizers: **Zeinab Azarbadegan, Natasha Pesaran, Amnah Almkhtar**, Columbia University

Friday, February 28

OPENING REMARKS

Zainab Bahrani, Columbia University

METHODS AND APPROACHES: WRITING IRAQI HISTORY

The Dark Archive of the Wars in Iraq: Introducing the Kanan Makiya Papers

Wisam Alshaibi, University of California, Los Angeles

Feminist Approaches to Iraqi Studies: Beyond an Add-Woman-and-Stir Approach

Nadje Al-Ali, Brown University

Towards a History of Medicine in Modern Iraq

Sara Farhan, American University of Sharjah (United Arab Emirates)

Reflections on the Use of First-Person Narratives for Writing Histories of Modern Iraq

Orcun Okan, Columbia University

THE IRAQI NAHDA

The Nahda in Iraq

Annie Greene, College of William and Mary

"The Last Vestiges of Arab Independence": Khaz'al Khan and the Making of Gilded Age Basra and Khuzestān, 1897-1914

Camille Cole, Yale University

Baghdad Days and Cairo Nights: The Arab Nahda and the Construction of Iraqi National Identity

Kevin Michael James, University of Georgia

On India's Path: Transnational Histories of Iraq and the Political Economy of 'Abd al-Fattah Ibrahim

Gabriel Young, New York University

STATE FORMATION AND RESISTANCE

State Justice and Tribal Law in the Sinjar Region, 1932-1958

Mélanie Genat, Stanford University

Imperialist Invention or Uncertain Enterprise? Understanding British Power Through the Political Geography of Iraq

Carl Shook, Loyola University Chicago

The Architecture of Dispossession and State-Building in Iraq

Huma Gupta, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

War and Insurgency in Southern Iraq: The Case Study of Shinafiyah, 1979-1991

Amir Taha, Universiteit Utrecht (Netherlands)

BEYOND SECTARIANISM

Race in Modern Iraqi History: Questioning the Not-So-Sectarian Dimensions of Social Tensions

Michael Degerald, Lunds Universitet (Sweden)

Between Sectarian Populism and Anti-Sectarianism? Mechanisms for Popular Shi'i National Integration in Hashemite Iraq

Christopher Cooper-Davies, Cambridge University (England)

The Politics of Suffering: An Examination of the Iraqi Shi'i Opposition Movement's Response to the 1991 March Uprisings

Joseph Edward Kotinsky, University of Texas at Austin

The Evolution of the Iraqi Army

Jinan Al-Habbal, London School of Economics (England, UK)

KEYNOTE PANEL

Orit Bashkin, University of Chicago

Eric Davis, Rutgers University-New Brunswick

Dina Houry, George Washington University

Sara Pursley, New York University

Saturday, February 29

STATE, POWER, AND NATURAL RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

The Third River: Oil, Water, and the Iraqi Development Board

Dale Stahl, University of Colorado Denver

"He Who Saw the Deep": Petromodernity, Deep Time, and Dia Al-Azzawi as Gilgamesh

Tiffany Floyd, Columbia University

The French Connection: Informal Empire, Environmental Management, and Foreign Technocrats in Hamidian Iraq

Isacar Bolaños, Loyola University Maryland

Irrigation in the Late Ottoman Iraq: The Hindiya Barrage, 1890-1914

Şehnaz İyibaş, Koç Üniversitesi (Turkey)

FORMATION OF IRAQI IDENTITIES AND SOCIAL CLASSES

The Invisible Iraqis: Georgian, Daghistani, and Circassian Families in Early Twentieth-Century Iraq

Hala Fattah, Independent Scholar

Iraqi Jews and the Production and Consumption of Leisure

Pelle Valentin Olsen, University of Chicago

Clinical Behavior: Institutionalized Medicine and Urban Space in Baghdad, 1917-1958

Andrew Alger, Queens College, City University of New York

BEYOND THE NATION: IRAQ IN GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE

India in Iraq, Iraq in India

Esmat Elhalaby, New York University Abu Dhabi (United Arab Emirates)

Revisiting Early Women's Activism in Iraq: A Transnational Perspective

Noga Efrati, Open University of Israel (Israel)

Global Iraq: Gender, Education, and Travel

Hilary Falb Kalisman, University of Colorado Boulder

Iraqis in Russia: The Organizations of Iraqis Outside the Region – Moscow, 1988-1994

Kate Tietzen, Kansas State University

ROUNDTABLE

Convened by the Organizers

Zeinab Azarbadegan, Columbia University

Natasha Pesaran, Columbia University

Amnah Almkhtar, Columbia University

The following pages list The University Seminars that were active in 2019-2020, with their topics and speakers. The seminars are listed by seminar number, which roughly follows their chronological founding. They are also listed alphabetically in the index. Our seminars span a wide range of interests, from contemporary and historical topics in religion, literature, and law, to technical and administrative issues in contemporary society, area studies, Shakespeare, and the sciences.

Seminars can be ongoing or can convene for only a set amount of time. For practical or intellectual reasons, seminars ongoing sometimes stop meeting, either permanently or for a one year hiatus. One new seminar was inaugurated in 2019-2020.

For a complete list of current seminars, please visit our website:

universityseminars.columbia.edu

THE PROBLEM OF PEACE •403 • Founded: 1945

This seminar is concerned broadly with the maintenance of international peace and security and with the settlement of international disputes. It considers specific conflicts and also discusses the contemporary role of the United Nations, multinational peacekeeping, humanitarian efforts and other measures for the resolution of international conflicts.

CHAIR: **Professor Roy Lee** • RAPPORTEUR: **Cheyn Shah**

2019-2020 MEETINGS

- November 21 *The Main Realizations of Normandy for Peace*
Herve Morin, President of Normandy (France)
François-Xavier Prioullad, Vice President of Normandy (France)
Katrina Koh, Pace University
Catherine Tinker, Seton Hall University
- January 21 *The ICC Crime of Aggression and Drone Strikes*
Jennifer Trahan, New York University

2020-2021 CHAIR: **Professor Roy Lee**, royslee@optionline.net

STUDIES IN RELIGION • 405 • Founded: 1945

The approaches to religion in this seminar range from the philosophical through the anthropological to the historical and comparative. We concern ourselves with religion in all of its manifestations—ancient and modern, primitive and civilized, heretical and orthodox, individual and cosmic. The guiding thread is whatever subjects are uppermost in the minds of those composing the membership at a given time. Since members come from different disciplines as well as different traditions and have a variety of personal orientations, we are assured maximum openness and flexibility.

CO-CHAIRS: **Tony Carnes**; **Professor Sidney Greenfield** • RAPPOREUR: **Shikhar Madan**

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Methodological Strategies for the Study of Violence: Initial Notes from an Ethnography of Graffiti and Pastors in the Favelas of Rio de Janeiro
Carolina Parreiras, Universidade de São Paulo (Brazil) and Columbia University

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THE RENAISSANCE • 407 • Founded: 1945

The Seminar in the Renaissance, founded in 1945 by Paul Oskar Kristeller and John Herman Randall, hosts presentations of about 45-50 minutes on various aspects of Renaissance thought (including Renaissance humanism) and its ramifications in the arts (painting, sculpture, architecture, music, literature) and the sciences (physical, natural, historical and philological), as well as history and philosophy. The Renaissance is taken to include the period from about 1350 to about 1650.

CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Cynthia Pyle**; **Professor Alan Stewart** • RAPPOREURS: **Cristina Perez** (Fall);
Matt Mazewski (Spring)

2019-2020 MEETINGS

- September 10 *Leonardo da Vinci's St. Jerome: Thoughts on the Unfinished*
Carmen Bambach, Metropolitan Museum of Art
- October 10 *Nicholas of Cusa and the Ottoman Threat to Christendom*
Thomas Izbicki, Rutgers University-New Brunswick
- November 12 *The Missing Names: Links Between Jewish Intellectuals and the 'Accademia Pontaniana' in Naples During the Renaissance*
Shulamit Furstenberg-Levi, International Studies Institute of Florence (Italy)
- December 10 *Verrocchio as Draftsman, Sculptor, and Painter*
Andrew Butterfield, Andrew Butterfield Fine Arts
How Little Do We Know about Andrea del Verrocchio as a Painter?
Laurence Kanter, Yale University
- February 11 *The Place of Astrology in the History of Science: A Reappraisal*
Sheila Rabin, St. Peter's University
- April 14 *Filarete's 'Odysseus and Iros': Its Meaning and Albertian Source*
Thomas Martin, Independent Scholar
- May 12 *The Conversational Garden*
David Randall, National Association of Scholars
- June 16 *"Perchance his boast of Lucrece's sov'ignty": The Rape of Lucrece and the Political Subject*
Lauren Silberman, Baruch College, City University of New York

2020-2021 CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Cynthia Pyle**, c.m.pyle@nyu.edu; **Professor Alan Stewart**, ags2105@columbia.edu

CONTENT AND METHODS OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCES • 411 • Founded: 1947

This seminar is concerned with methodology and theory in the social sciences as well as with its substantive results. As a rule, members and sometimes guest speakers present their current research in a manner which enlightens the seminar on various theoretical and methodological advances and helps the researcher to solve his difficulties and formulate a codified view of ongoing research in social sciences.

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EIGHTEENTH-CENTURY EUROPEAN CULTURE • 417 • Founded: 1962

This interdisciplinary seminar hosts speakers ranging from established scholars to early-career researchers who present works-in-progress that explore and redefine eighteenth-century European culture. Our interests range from material culture to textual history, national traditions to colonial formations, historicist practice to theoretical investigation, and we therefore seek to query, expand, and innovate eighteenth-century studies. Like our guest speakers, our membership is drawn from a wide variety of institutions and disciplines: history, literature, philosophy, political science, music, history of science, and art, as well as national traditions. The Seminar's offerings are varied in scope, and occasionally our Seminar hosts special events, such as a symposium on the intellectual origins of freedom of speech (2007, 2008) and a 50th anniversary retrospective of the Seminar (2014). Recently our Seminar has hosted, in addition to full-length talks, roundtables on science studies (2011), comparative orientalism (2011), the quantitative eighteenth century (2016), rediscovering race (2017), and human rights (2019).

CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Stephanie Insley Hershinow**; **Professor Kathleen Lubey** • RAPPORTEUR: Katherine Bergevin

2019–2020 MEETINGS

- September 5 *Toward a Theory of the Witness-Protagonist*
Anastasia Eccles, Yale University
- October 17 *Disturbing the Novel: Lazarillo de Tormes in England, 1688-1789*
Richard Squibbs, DePaul University
- November 7 *Rethinking the Fourth Wall*
Terry Robinson, University of Toronto (Canada)
- January 22 *Depicting Slavery for a New Nation*
Jennifer Van Horn, University of Delaware
- February 20 *Commerce, Wreckage, Race: Daniel Defoe's Salvage Economics*
Allison Turner, Columbia University

ON HIATUS FALL 2020

SPRING 2021 CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Stephanie Insley Hershinow**, stephanie.insley@gmail.com;
Professor Kathleen Lubey, kathleen.lubey@gmail.com

AMERICAN STUDIES • 429 • Founded: 1954

The concern of this seminar is the history, literature, and culture of the United States, focusing on the period from the nineteenth century to the present. Recent subjects have ranged from Margaret Fuller to the Hawaiian sovereignty movement, from Asian American fashion designers to letters from former slaves who settled in Liberia. A number of presentations have positioned the United States in transnational or comparative contexts. The seminar's strength is the variety of fields represented by its intellectually active participants. The very lively discussion periods are one of the most appealing aspects of this seminar.

CO-CHAIRS: **Professor James Kim**; **Professor Matt Sandler** • RAPPORTEUR: **Rebecca Stout**

2019–2020 MEETINGS

- September 17 *The Turn to Refugee Aesthetics*
Tim August, State University of New York at Stony Brook
- October 15 *Indigeneity and Asian America: The Double Displacement of Wartime Incarceration*
Karen Inouye, Indiana University Bloomington
- November 19 *Style as Antihero in the Narrative of Enslavement*
Ezra Tawil, University of Rochester
- December 3 *Homo Asianus Neoliberalis: Human Capital Theory and Asian American Self-Help*
Paul Nadal, Princeton University
- January 28 *Image (Into) Sequence: Colonial Photography and Racial Logics of the Philippines*
Angela Reyes, Hunter College, City University of New York
- February 25 *Evoking "Woman" in Kurdish Diasporas: Managing Racializations and Performing Kurdish Identity*
Stanley Thangaraj, City College, City University of New York

2020–2021 CO-CHAIRS: **Professor James Kim**, bjakim@fordham.edu; **Professor Matt Sandler**, mfs2001@columbia.edu

MEDIEVAL STUDIES • 431 • Founded: 1954

This seminar addresses subjects of common interest to all branches of medieval studies. The seminar particularly encourages interdisciplinary topics and approaches, which will stimulate discussions of issues in the study of medieval culture. One of the great advantages of the seminar is that it brings together representatives of medieval disciplines, from Columbia and elsewhere, who otherwise would have only rare opportunities to talk about questions of common interest.

CHAIR: **Professor Neslihan Şenocak** • RAPPORTEUR: **Carolyn Quijano**

2019–2020 MEETINGS

- September 26 *Affective Piety in the Eleventh-Century Monastery*
Lauren Mancia, Brooklyn College, City University of New York
- October 29 *The Genoese Community in Byzantine/Ottoman Constantinople*
Özden Mercan, Columbia University
- December 3 *Re-Coining the Eleventh Century: Monetisation, Religion, and Value in Italy*
James Norrie, Columbia University

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STUDIES IN CONTEMPORARY AFRICA • 435 • Founded: 1956

The seminar provides a lively forum for historians and social scientists engaged in the advanced study of Sub-Saharan Africa. Faculty and visiting scholars from Columbia University and neighboring institutions actively participate in the monthly evening sessions. Seminar discussions often focus on theoretical and comparative approaches to the study of colonial and contemporary states, processes in political mobilization and leadership, the arts and architecture, the impact of the international community, and the roles of gender and cultural identities.

CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Abosedo George**; **Professor Anooradha Siddiqi** • RAPPORTEUR: **Luz Colpa**

2019–2020 MEETINGS

- September 24 *Stilled Life: Photography and the Aesthetics of Dispossession in Colonial Zanzibar*
Prita Meier, New York University
- October 15 *Consolidating Ethos and Animating Principles for a Twenty First Century Independent African Arts Space: The Case of the GoDown Arts Centre, Nairobi, Kenya*
Joy Mboya, GoDown Arts Centre (Kenya)
- November 15 *Africa: What Comes After Representation?*
Sean Jacobs, The New School
- December 5 *Anthropogenic Discards: Infrastructural Labors and Unruly Spirits at Dakar's Dump*
Rosalind Fredericks, New York University
- January 30 *Imperialist Interventions: Militarizations and Militarisms Across Africa*
Samar Al-Bulushi, University of California, Irvine
Corinna Mullin, The New School and John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York
- February 25 *The Dark Side of Unity: Pan-Africanism and Martial Law in the 1960s*
Samuel Fury Childs Daly, Duke University

2020–2021 CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Abosedo George**, ageorge@barnard.edu;
Professor Anooradha Siddiqi, asiddiqi@barnard.edu

CLASSICAL CIVILIZATION • 441 • Founded: 1957

This seminar exists to further, in the New York area, the study of the literature, art, archaeology, and history of the ancient world. Seven meetings are held each year attended by twenty to sixty members drawn from universities and colleges within reach of New York. There is no set theme to the seminar for a given semester or year.

CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Marcus Folch**; **Professor Joel Lidov**; **Professor Katharina Volk** • RAPPORTEUR: **Lien Van Geel**

2019–2020 MEETINGS

- September 19 *Roman Teamsters: Muliones (Muleteers) and the (Dis)Organization of Land Transport in the Roman Empire*
John Bodel, Brown University
- October 17 *Sappho's Aphrodite: A Reparative Reading*
Melissa Mueller, University of Massachusetts Amherst
- November 21 *Impotence, Castration, and Talking Penises: A New Reading of Catallus 17*
Leah Kronenberg, Boston University
- January 30 *At War with Juno*
Lisa Mignone, Independent Scholar
- February 27 *Aztec Latinists: Classical Learning and Indigenous Legacies in Sixteenth-Century Mexico*
Andrew Laird, Brown University

2020–2021 CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Marcus Folch**, mf2664@columbia.edu; **Professor Joel Lidov**, jlidov@gc.cuny.edu

MODERN EAST ASIA: CHINA • 443 • Founded: 1957

This seminar is concerned with the politics, society, culture, and international relations of China from the early nineteenth century to the present. Its broader purpose is to explore the evolution of Chinese civilization over the past century of revolution and rapid social change. Papers—works in progress—are circulated to members and associates in advance of each meeting. Authors are asked to give a brief oral introduction, after which a discussant comments. The entire remainder of each session is comprised of members' reactions to the paper and the author's responses.

CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Nick Bartlett**; **Professor Ying Qian**; **Professor William Charles Wooldridge** •
RAPPORTEUR: Danping Wang

2019–2020 MEETINGS

- September 12 *O Frontiers! The Reinvention of Modern Chinese Territoriality*
Shellen Wu, University of Tennessee
Discussant: John Chen, Columbia University
- October 10 *The Barbers of Beijing: Hairstyles and Collectivization During the Great Leap Forward*
Fabio Lanza, University of Arizona
Discussant: **JM Chris Chang**, Columbia University
- November 14 *Consuming Belief: Tibetan Buddhism in Urban China*
John Osburg, University of Rochester
Discussant: **Eveline Washul**, Columbia University
- December 5 *Luxury for Chinese People's Future: Rural Reconstruction and the 'Beautiful Countryside' Campaign*
Yi Gu, University of Toronto (Canada)
Discussant: **Rebecca Karl**, New York University
- February 6 *Colonial War, Nationalist Revolution, and the Emergence of Documentary in China*
Ying Qian, Columbia University
Discussant: **Eugenia Lean**, Columbia University

2020–2021 CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Nick Bartlett**, nbartlet@barnard.edu; **Professor Ying Qian**, yq2189@columbia.edu;
Professor William Charles Wooldridge, william.wooldridge@lehman.cuny.edu

MODERN EAST ASIA: JAPAN • 445 • Founded: 1960

The Modern Japan Seminar is concerned with the history, politics, society, and culture of Japan from the late nineteenth century to the present. It emphasizes interdisciplinary dialogue among historians, anthropologists, sociologists, literary critics and other scholars from the New York area institutions. The seminar meets regularly to discuss a paper from a work in progress by a member or invited speaker. Pre-circulation of papers and discussant comments encourage in-depth discussion and debate.

CHAIR: **Professor Sarah Kovner** • RAPPORTEURS: **Ryo Kawashima** (Fall); **Mairead Hynes** (Spring)

2019–2020 MEETINGS

- October 22 *Temple of Bones: Wartime Slave Labor and the Unmaking of the Japanese Empire*
Yukiko Koga, Hunter College, City University of New York
Discussant: **Chris Hill**, University of Michigan
- November 19 *Prospecting the Ruins: Memory and Meaning in Japan's Scorched Earth of World War II* (Co-Authored with David Feldman)
Cary Karacas, College of Staten Island, City University of New York
Discussant: **Sheldon Garon**, Princeton University
- December 3 *Tokyo in Tashkent: The Afro-Asian Writers Conference and the Problem of Colonial Responsibility*
Chris Hill, University of Michigan
Discussant: **Yukiko Koga**, Hunter College, City University of New York
- February 11 *The Invention of the Kamikaze: Coercion and Resistance in the Japanese Military*
Nick Kapur, Rutgers University-Camden
Discussant: **Ran Zwigenberg**, Pennsylvania State University

2020–2021 CHAIR: **Professor Sarah Kovner**, sck25@columbia.edu

NEW TESTAMENT • 451 • Founded: 1959

This seminar focuses on texts from the Mediterranean world of late antiquity, particularly as they relate to Christian origins. While it studies the New Testament, it also considers the Dead Sea Scrolls, Nag Hammadi texts, patristic literature, rabbinic material, and Greco-Roman texts.

CO-CHAIRS: **Professor John Edwards**; **Professor Emma Wasserman** • RAPPORTEUR: **Jermaine Ross-Alam**

2019–2020 MEETINGS

- September 19 *Hegemonic Masculinity: A Useful Category for New Testament Analysis?*
Colleen Conway, Seton Hall University
- November 7 *Metonymy and Revelation 22:2 – A Visual Exegetical Exploration*
Amy Meverden, Union Theological Seminary
- January 30 *The Manichean Story of Adam and Eve: Between Gnostic and Zoroastrian Traditions*
Paul Dilley, University of Iowa
- February 13 *The Real-and-Imagined Biography of One Gospel Manuscript*
Matthew Larsen, Princeton University

2020–2021 CO-CHAIRS: **Professor John Edwards**, jedwards1329@sfc.edu;
Professor Emma Wasserman, wasserme@religion.rutgers.edu

THE CITY • 459A • Founded: 1962

This seminar undertakes a wide-ranging consideration of the city—its history, functions, problems, and glories. Sessions are devoted to urban cultural and social history, and to the meaning of physical form and landscape of both American and world-wide cities. The heterogeneous nature of the seminar's membership is reflected in the variety of subjects that the meetings address.

CHAIR: **Professor Lisa Keller** • RAPPORTEUR: **Rev. Stephen Koeth**

2019–2020 MEETINGS

- November 14-15 *Conference – An Urban World: The Changing Landscape of Suburbs and Cities*
- February 25 *Gritty City Up Close: A Virtual Tour of 400 Years of New York History*
Kenneth R. Cobb, New York City Department of Records

2020–2021 CHAIR: **Professor Lisa Keller**, lisa.keller@purchase.edu

LAW AND POLITICS • 465 • Founded: 1963

Members of the seminar investigate the legal, political, and institutional aspects of society both as they function in reality and as they should function according to theory. The investigation is both global and timeless, although European and American interests seem to dominate. Lectures and discussions range from classical Greece, Rome and Israel, through medieval Europe, Islam and Asia, to modern and contemporary societies. Aspects of Roman, canon, Talmudic, common, and Islamic laws are examined. The majority of the lectures are presented by the members of the seminar, most of whom are academics in history, political science or law, or professionals who have become editors. One or two papers each year are presented by visiting scholars.

CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Sarah Danielsson**; **Professor Kenneth Pearl** • RAPPORTEUR: **Isaiah DuPree**

2019–2020 MEETINGS

- September 17 *The Doping Dilemma: An Intersection of the Social and Natural Sciences*
Emese Ivan, St. John's University
- October 15 *The Hungarian Soviet Republic and the Peacemaker Woodrow Wilson*
Peter Pastor, Montclair State University
- November 19 *Böske Simon, Miss Hungaria and Miss Europa (1929): Beauty Pageants and Packaging Gender, Race, and National Identity in Interwar Hungary*
Louise Vasvári, State University of New York at Stony Brook
- February 18 *Law, Insurgency, and Enlightened Repression: The Establishment of the Liberal State in Nineteenth-Century Central America*
Gilmar Visoni, Queensborough Community College, City University of New York

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KNOWLEDGE, TECHNOLOGY, AND SOCIAL SYSTEMS • 467 • Founded: 1966

Technologies, scientific transformations, and new areas of knowledge are continuously, and rapidly, being introduced. These developments are transforming social systems around the world. We have seen networked computers rapidly converging with telephones and TV into globally pervasive digital communications systems. These systems—and the emerging New Media they create—are increasingly impacting what and how we communicate with each other, as well as how we write history and interact among ourselves. The opportunities and threats these and other systems pose to personal and global quality of life, end even to human survival, are very real and relatively little understood. This seminar will consider these aspects, as well as alternative social systems that may lead to a better future for humankind. This seminar was formerly called Computers, Man, and Society.

CO-CHAIRS: **Jerry Spivack**; **Professor Takeshi Utsumi** • RAPPORTEUR: **Charlotte Wilhelm**

2019–2020 MEETINGS

- October 2 *What Is Time?*
Reuven Opher, Technion–Israel Institute of Technology (Israel) and Universidade de São Paulo (Brazil)
- November 13 *Comedy and Society*
Paul Herzich, Sy Beagle Learning Center of the United Federation of Teachers
- December 11 *What Society Must Require from AI*
Ron Baecker, University of Toronto (Canada) and Columbia University
- February 12 *The Making of Manhattan: The First 300 Years*
Richard Rosnik, Institute of Retired Professionals

2020–2021 CO-CHAIRS: **Jerry Spivack**, jspvk@aol.com; **Professor Takeshi Utsumi**, takutsumi@glosas.org

ECOLOGY AND CULTURE • 471 • Founded: 1964

This interdisciplinary seminar brings together participants from Columbia University and the New York City area for discussions around a range of socio-ecological topics. Our participants come from anthropology, law, geography, history, sociology, and ecology. We strive to bring together scholars, activists, artists, and practitioners in our discussions.

CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Veronica Davidov**; **Professor Paige West** • RAPORTEURS: **Dakota Straub** (Fall);
Stephanie Ratté (Spring)

2019–2020 MEETINGS

- September 19 *Place in the Anthropology of the Anthropocene*
David Lipset, University of Minnesota
- October 24 *“Discovery Coast”: Fetishism, Historical Amnesia, and Socioenvironmental Differentiation in the Frontiers of Global Liberalism*
Gustavo Azenha, Columbia University
- February 24 *New Directions in Ecological Anthropology*
Jerry K. Jacka, University of Colorado Boulder

2020–2021 CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Veronica Davidov**, veronica.davidov@gmail.com;
Professor Jason Roberts, jsrober9@gmail.com; **Professor Paige West**, cw2031@columbia.edu

THE STUDY OF THE HEBREW BIBLE • 473 • Founded: 1968

The seminar is composed of scholars of different faiths and traditions with a common interest in research and teaching of the Hebrew Bible. The focus of the seminar is research illuminating the cultural milieu, language, text, and interpretation of the Hebrew Bible. This research is characterized by a variety of methodologies, including historical-critical, literary, philological, archaeological, and socio-logical approaches to the text, as well as history of interpretation. Research on ancient near eastern cultures and languages relating to ancient Israel is also regularly presented.

CHAIR: **Professor Heath Dewrell** • RAPORTEUR: **David DeLauro**

2019–2020 MEETINGS

- September 23 *Walt Whitman and the King James Bible*
Chip Dobbs-Allsopp, Princeton Theological Seminary
- October 23 *The Meaning of the Name YHWH*
Heath Dewrell, Princeton Theological Seminary
- November 4 *The Jewish Diaspora in Persian Egypt*
Karel van der Toorn, Universiteit van Amsterdam (Netherlands)
- January 14 *From Priest to Prostitute: The Many Lives of the NU-GIG/qadištu*
Jessie DeGrado, Brandeis University
- February 18 *An Ancient Manuscript of the Entire Hebrew Bible That Was Rediscovered*
Yosef Ofer, Bar-Ilan University (Israel)

2020–2021 CHAIR: Liane Feldman, lmfeldman@nyu.edu

SOUTH ASIA • 477 • Founded: 1964

The University Seminar on South Asia seeks to broaden and deepen understanding about the region of South Asia by providing a forum to discuss ongoing research as well as special topics related to the complex and multiple societies of South Asia both past and present. Drawing together scholars from many different disciplines, the seminar fosters cross-disciplinary discussion and perspectives on a broad range of questions and concerns. In recent years, the seminar has deliberated on such issues as: religion and politics, the political function of violence in South Asia, national integration, language and community, South Asian identities in pre-colonial times, religious iconography, and many other topics. The University Seminar on South Asia is a merger of the University Seminar on Tradition and Change in South and Southeast Asia (founded in 1964) and the University Seminar on Indology (founded in 1993).

CHAIR: **Professor Carla Bellamy** • RAPPORTEUR: **Shagun Sethi**

2019–2020 MEETINGS

- October 14 *Bhakti, Equality, and Strategic Ambiguity in Western India*
Jon Keune, Michigan State University
- November 18 *Marx in Maharashtra? The Memoir of a Dalit Communist*
Anupama Rao, Barnard College, Columbia University
- January 27 *The Study of Sanskrit and the American Caste System*
Anand Venkatkrishnan, University of Chicago
- February 24 *On Caste Concealment*
Joel Lee, Williams College

2020–2021 CHAIR: **Professor Carla Bellamy**, carla.bellamy@baruch.cuny.edu

THE ANCIENT NEAR EAST • 479 • Founded: 1966

This seminar was created to coordinate the archaeological chronologies of the regions of the Near East and the Eastern Mediterranean. It meets from six to eight times a year to discuss new research and hear reports of recent fieldwork. A number of relevant papers were published in the *American Journal of Archaeology* from 1968 until 1988, and in 1992 in the *Journal of the Ancient Near Eastern Society*. Since then, the focus of the seminar has been widened to include all aspects of the ancient cultures of the Near East and its adjoining regions.

CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Allan Gilbert**; **Dr. K. Aslihan Yener** • RAPPORTEUR: **Erhan Tamur**

2019–2020 MEETINGS

- October 21 *Beauty and Power in a World of Presence: The Queens of Nimrud's Northwest Palace*
Amy Gansell, St. John's University
- November 6 *Appreciating Indigenous Wall Painting Styles: Revisiting the Level VII Frescoes from Alalakh*
K. Aslihan Yener, New York University
- November 20 *Religion in Ugarit*
Valerie Matoian, Collège de France and Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (France)
- December 5 *The Shanidar Proto-Neolithic Homo sapiens Population*
Anagnostis Agelarakis, Adelphi University

2020–2021 CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Allan Gilbert**, gilbert@fordham.edu; **Dr. K. Aslihan Yener**, akyeler12@gmail.com

STUDIES IN MODERN ITALY • 483 • Founded: 1966

This seminar is concerned with political, social, cultural, and religious aspects of Italian life from 1815 to the present. In recent years, the seminar has stressed an interdisciplinary approach to Italian studies, increasing the participation of anthropologists and scholars of art, film, and literature. The seminar generally meets on the second Friday of the month, from September to May, to discuss a paper presented by a member or an invited speaker. Papers cover a wide range of topics, approaches, and methodologies. The seminar occasionally holds a day-long conference or a more restricted symposium to explore a topic in depth.

CHAIR: **Professor Rebecca Bauman** • RAPPORTEUR: **Luca Naponiello**

2019–2020 MEETINGS

- September 13 *The Invention of Marco Polo, or: Cultural Politics of Italian Orientalism*
Giuseppe Gazzola, State University of New York at Stony Brook
Respondent: **Rebecca Falkoff**, New York University
- October 4 *“Columbus Might Be Dwarfed into Obscurity”: Italian Americans’ Engagement with Columbus Monuments in a Time of Decolonization*
Laura Ruberto, Berkeley City College
Joseph Sciorra, Queens College, City University of New York
Respondent: **Marta Gutman**, City College, City University of New York
- November 8 *The Birth and Death of a Nation: Italy’s Monumental Cemeteries of the Nineteenth Century*
Hannah Malone, Freie Universität Berlin (Germany)
Respondent: **Richard Etlin**, University of Maryland
- December 13 *Black, Jewish, and Italian: Intersections in Igiaba Scego and Claudio Magris*
Saskia Ziolkowski, Duke University
Respondent: **Gabriella Romani**, Seton Hall University
- February 7 *“Non ho l’età”: The Italianization of American Feminist Discourses, 1958-1972*
Elizabeth Leake, Columbia University
Respondent: **Molly Tambor**, Long Island University
- March 6 *The Military Twist: Rethinking the Military in Italian Cultural History*
Mattia Roveri, New York University and Hostos Community College
Respondent: **Mary Gibson**, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York

2020–2021 CHAIR: **Professor Rebecca Bauman**, rebecca_bauman@fitnyc.edu

EARLY AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE • 491 • Founded: 1966

This seminar is a forum for scholarly conversations and works-in-progress on early American history, broadly defined. It seeks both to support scholarship on the Anglo-American colonies and the early United States (pre-Civil War), and to situate these political entities within broader frameworks (e.g. global history, early modern history, the Age of Revolution, hemispheric history, and the Atlantic World). The seminar aims to involve a wide range of historians (including specialists in Native American history, Caribbean history, and Latin American history) in this discussion about early America. Scholars of literature, religion, slavery and African diaspora, Native American studies, anthropology, sociology, and related fields are also encouraged to attend.

CHAIR: **Professor Hannah Farber**; **Professor Andrew Lipman** • RAPPORTEUR: **Yoav Hamdani**

2019–2020 MEETINGS

- September 17 *We Have Nothing to Eat: Hunger and Resistance to British Authority in the Northeastern Borderlands, 1700-1763*
Carla Cevasco, Rutgers University-New Brunswick
- October 15 *First Enslavements and First Emancipations: Slavery and Capitalism in Early Colonial Virginia, 1547-1660*
John Blanton, City College, City University of New York
- November 12 *A “Black Hogarth”: Prince Demah and Enslaved Artistic Labor in Colonial America*
Jennifer Van Horn, University of Delaware
- December 3 *The Century of Doña Isabel*
Rebecca Anne Goetz, New York University
- January 28 *Squanto’s Odyssey*
Andrew Lipman, Barnard College, Columbia University
- February 25 *“Children of Africa, Shall Be Haytians”: Prince Saunders, Revolutionary Transnationalism, and the Founders of Black Emigration, 1775-1840*
Westenley Alcenat, Fordham University

ON HIATUS FALL 2020

SPRING 2021 CO-CHAIRS: **Professor John Dixon**, john.dixon@csi.cuny.edu;
Professor Andrew Lipman, alipman@barnard.edu

**POLLUTION AND WATER RESOURCES:
SCIENTIFIC AND INSTITUTIONAL ASPECTS** • 495A • Founded: 1968

The purpose of this seminar is to explore the effects pollution and environmental regulation on water and related environmental resources. Proceedings of the seminar, collections of the lectures, are published yearly. To date, forty-one volumes have been published. Besides these volumes, the seminar has contributed over forty articles written in seven languages abroad and in the United States. The research institute of the seminar, the American Academy of Ocean Sciences, conducted research actively from 1969 to 1985. During the past thirty years, thirty-three graduate students have participated in the seminar and their participation has been credited toward their studies.

CHAIR: **Professor Richard W. Lo Pinto**

2019–2020 MEETINGS

February 28 *Crustaceans in a Changing Ocean: Assessing the Effects of Environment on Adhesion and Bio-Mineralization*
Gary Dickinson, College of New Jersey

ON HIATUS FALL 2020

SPRING 2021 CHAIR: Professor Richard W. Lo Pinto, lopintor@fdu.edu

SLAVIC HISTORY AND CULTURE • 497 • Founded: 1968

The Seminar on Slavic History and Culture was founded in 1968 on the initiative of the renowned scholar of Russian literature and specialist on Dostoevsky, Robert Belknap. It was initially conceived as a broad exploration of history, literature, and arts of the Slavic peoples, to include topics from economic development to religious and philosophic thought. Today, after many years bringing together the Slavic studies community in the New York City area, our Seminar continues to bridge the disciplines of literature, language, and history, with a focus on original research across the range of Russian and East European history, as well as a lively exploration of the contemporary literary and artistic scene. We are pleased to welcome a dynamic group of graduate students who bring their energy and enthusiasm to our meetings.

CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Catherine Evtuhov**; **Professor Mark Lipovetsky** • RAPPORTEUR: **Tomi Haxhi**

2019–2020 MEETINGS

October 4 *Specters of the Future: Space and Time in Post-Soviet Cinema*
Daria Ezerova, Columbia University

November 1 *A Fishing Expedition in Sochi: Soviet Writers and Their Readers in Late Soviet Anti-Corruption Campaigns*
Rhiannon Dowling, Columbia University

November 21 *Poetry and Performance: The Eastern European Perspective*
Tomáš Glanc, Universität Zürich (Switzerland)
Sabine Hänsgen, Universität Zürich (Switzerland)

February 14 *Faces of Piatiletka, Portraits of Things, and Flowerbeds of Ethnicities: Training Mental Eyes of Young Soviet Spectators*
Serguei Oushakine, Princeton University

March 6 *Faces of Russia's Empire: Early Eighteenth-Century Ethnographic Drawings and Oils in Stockholm*
Edward Kasinec, Columbia University
Nathaniel Knight, Seton Hall University

2020–2021 CO-CHAIRS: Professor Catherine Evtuhov, ce2308@columbia.edu;
Professor Mark Lipovetsky, ml4360@columbia.edu

ISRAEL AND JEWISH STUDIES • 501 • Founded: 1968

This seminar brings together approximately forty scholars from Columbia and the greater New York academic community. The seminar deals with the whole range of topics relating to Jewish studies and Israel—history, literature, sociology, religion, and political studies—and frequently presents distinguished lecturers from Israeli and European universities.

CHAIR: **Professor Elisheva Carlebach** • RAPPORTEUR: **Jordan Katz**

2019–2020 MEETINGS

- September 18 *Rejecting Reasons for (Jewish) Laws: Philosophy and History*
Yair Lorberbaum, Bar-Ilan University (Israel) and Columbia University
- November 20 *Jewish Emancipation Reimagined*
David Sorkin, Yale University
- February 19 *Dissident Rabbi: The Ordeals of Jacob Sasportas*
Yaacob Dweck, Princeton University

2020–2021 CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Elisheva Carlebach**, ecarlebach@columbia.edu;
Professor Rebecca Kobrin, rk2351@columbia.edu

ECONOMIC HISTORY • 503 • Founded: 1969

The concerns of this seminar are wide ranging in time, place, and method. Emphasis is on European and American economic growth and development from feudal times to the present, with growing representation of contributions on Latin America, Asia, and Africa. Topics range from microeconomic studies of firms undergoing rapid technical change and households changing their interaction between home and market to more macroeconomic topics concerned with national and regional economic growth performance, the economics of imperialism, and the political economy of the Great Depression. Given the breadth of the seminar's membership and interests, comparative economic history is often a central element in seminar discussions. Pre-circulation of papers permits vigorous discussion.

CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Alan Dye**; **Professor Susie Pak**; **Professor David Weiman** • RAPPORTEUR: **Robert Corban**

2019–2020 MEETINGS

- October 3 *The Development of Coercive Laws in the British Cape Colony*
Kara Dimitruk, Stellenbosch University (South Africa)
- November 7 *Separate but Dead: Measuring the Mortality Burdens of Jim Crow*
Wright Kennedy, Columbia University
- December 5 *The Frail Bonds of Liberalism: Pensions, Schools, and the Unraveling of Fiscal Mutualism in Midcentury New York*
Sean Vanatta, New York University
Michael Glaas, Princeton University
- February 6 *Slave Productivity in Cotton Picking (Co-Authored with Alan Olmstead)*
Paul Rhode, University of Michigan
- March 5 *Hamilton vs. Jackson: The Rise and Fall of the Second Bank of the United States*
David Weiman, Barnard College, Columbia University

2020–2021 CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Alan Dye**, adye@barnard.edu; **Professor Susie Pak**, paksl@stjohns.edu;
Professor David Weiman, dweiman@barnard.edu

DEATH • 507 • Founded: 1971

This interdisciplinary seminar critically engages with aspects of death, dying, disposal and grief. Presentations and discussions explore topics from both academic and clinical perspectives in areas as diverse as medicine, psychology, sociology, anthropology, philosophy, religion, law, politics, architecture, and the media. In recent years the seminar has focused on contemporary developments in technology, culture and society. Attendance is maintained at a level that provides members with ample opportunity for active participation.

CHAIR: **Dr. Christina Staudt** • HONORARY CHAIR: **Dr. Michael K. Bartalos**, deceased May 18, 2020 •
RAPPORTEUR: **Zachary Levine**

2019–2020 MEETINGS

- October 16 *Having the Last Words: Brittany Maynard and the Moral Authority of the Terminally Ill*
Cherie Henderson, Columbia University
- November 13 *"For the One Life We Have": An Anthropological Study of Secular Humanist Funerals in London*
Matthew Engelke, Columbia University
- December 11 *Technological Afterlives: Mediating Grief in Digital Spaces*
Candi K. Cann, Baylor University
- February 12 *End of Life Doulas: Changing the Way People Die*
Henry Fersko-Weiss, International End of Life Doula Association

2020–2021 CHAIR: **Dr. Christina Staudt**, christinastaudt@gmail.com

ART OF AFRICA, OCEANIA, AND THE AMERICAS • 509 • Founded: 1971

Founded by Douglas Fraser, this seminar addresses major issues in the fields of African, Oceanic, Native American, and pre-Hispanic Latin American arts. The seminar provides an opportunity for members to analyze, evaluate, and discuss new and continuing research, as well as various trends in scholarship. Because the membership is comprised of art historians, curators, archeologists, anthropologists, and other field specialists, seminar meetings frequently involve in-depth discussions of theoretical and methodological issues. The seminar sponsors special symposia on diverse topics; the most recent entitled Art as Identity in the Americas.

CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Francesco Pellizzi**; **Professor Zoë Strother**; **Professor Lisa Trever** • RAPPORTEUR: **Oluremi Onabanjo**

2019–2020 MEETINGS

- October 3 *The Curious Case of Coronado's Shields: Towards an Iconology of Pueblo Visual Culture on the Eve of Spanish Colonialism*
Severin Morris Fowles, Barnard College, Columbia University
- December 5 *An Alchemy of Pre-Hispanic Honduras*
Rosemary Joyce, University of California, Berkeley
- January 30 *Magic, Crime, and Culture in Early Twentieth-Century Brazilian Black Art*
Roberto Conduru, Southern Methodist University
- March 3 *Conceiving the Encyclopedic: The Founding Decades of the Metropolitan Museum of Art (1870-1914)*
Joanne Pillsbury, Metropolitan Museum of Art

2020–2021 CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Francesco Pellizzi**, pellizzi@fas.harvard.edu; **Professor Zoë Strother**, zssl@columbia.edu;
Professor Lisa Trever, lt2731@columbia.edu

INNOVATION IN EDUCATION • 511 • Founded: 1970

The process of learning—in individuals, organizations, and society—is the subject of this seminar. Its scope includes learning throughout the lifespan, and via major institutions such as mass media, libraries, voluntary organizations, and educational systems.

CO-CHAIRS: **Dr. Elizabeth Cohn**; **Ronald Gross** • RAPPORTEUR: **Vrinda Handa**

2019–2020 MEETINGS

- October 7 JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON ETHICS, MORAL EDUCATION, AND SOCIETY
Living in the Anthropocene: The Challenge of Climate Change
Dale Jamieson, New York University
- November 12 JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON ETHICS, MORAL EDUCATION, AND SOCIETY
Privilege: The Making of an Adolescent Elite at St. Paul's School
Shamus Khan, Columbia University
- December 10 JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON ETHICS, MORAL EDUCATION, AND SOCIETY
The Rabbit Effect: Live Longer, Happier, and Healthier with the Groundbreaking Science of Kindness
Kelli Harding, Columbia University
- March 10 JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON ETHICS, MORAL EDUCATION, AND SOCIETY
From Microaggressions to Microinterventions: The Challenge of Becoming an "Ally" in Combatting Indignities Based on Race, Gender, and Sexual Orientation
Derald Wing Sue, Teachers College, Columbia University

LATIN AMERICA • 515 • Founded: 1971

This seminar is devoted to developing a better understanding of the region, presenting current research and thinking in disciplines that range from anthropology to economics, history, human rights, political science, religion, literature, and the arts. In addition to scholars affiliated with the academic community, speakers are invited from the private sector, international organizations, and governments. The seminar, whose membership also reflects a broad range of disciplines, offers the framework for a lively exchange of ideas on Latin America, its past, present, and future.

CHAIR: **Professor Peter Winn** • RAPPORTEUR: **Mariana Katz**

2019–2020 MEETINGS

- November 7 *The Current Crisis in Chile*
Peter Winn, Tufts University
- December 5 *The Latin American Migration Crisis in Historical Perspective*
José Moya, Barnard College, Columbia University
Respondent: **Julia Preston**, The Marshall Project
- March 5 *Zapata and His "Revolution of the South"*
John Womack, Harvard University
Respondent: **Claudio Lomnitz**, Columbia University

2020–2021 CO-CHAIRS: **Dr. Elizabeth Cohn**, ec2341@columbia.edu; **Ronald Gross**, grossassoc@aol.com

2020–2021 CHAIR: **Professor Peter Winn**, peter.winn@tufts.edu

POPULATION BIOLOGY • 521 • Founded: 1971

This seminar covers all aspects of population biology, broadly defined to include ecology, evolution and other aspects of modern organismal biology. It also encompasses studies of animal behavior in the field and laboratory, paleontology, theoretical and experimental biology, genetics and genomics.

CO-CHAIRS: **Alison Cucco**; **Professor Kathleen Nolan** • RAPPORTEUR: **Isaiah Frost Rivera**

2019–2020 MEETINGS

February 5 *Project FeederWatch: Engaging Students in Nature and Research*
Katherine S. Wydner, Saint Peter's University

February 25 *Amphibians and Endocrine Disruption*
Laura Twersky, Saint Peter's University

2020–2021 CO-CHAIRS: **Alison Cucco**, alisoncuc@gmail.com; **Kathleen Nolan**, knolan@sfc.edu

POLITICAL ECONOMY AND CONTEMPORARY SOCIAL ISSUES • 523 • Founded: 1971

This seminar was founded to study the most compelling questions of the day which then related to the war in Southeast Asia, its causes, and consequences. Today the seminar continues to examine vital current issues with emphasis on their economic, political, and philosophical dimensions. Such issues have included welfare policy, homelessness, and strains in multicultural democracies, and violent conflicts within and across nation-states. The underlying nature and structure of the political economy giving rise to these issues are also considered. In this regard, sessions have addressed the extension of democracy to economic enterprises, refashioning American government, developments in welfare states, and new principles of income distribution. Theories oriented to deepening democracy and realizing human rights both in the US and abroad are also an ongoing focus.

CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Carol Gould**; **Professor Omar Dahbour** • RAPPORTEUR: **Marian Chia**

2019–2020 MEETINGS

September 26 *Uber Eats: Capitalism as the Colonizing of the Future*
Timothy Mitchell, Columbia University

November 7 *Mining, Meaning, and Memory: A Political Ecology of Extractivism in Bolivia*
Thomas Perreault, Syracuse University

November 21 *Renewing Accumulation? Political Economies and Ecologies of Renewable Energy*
James McCarthy, Clark University

2020–2021 CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Carol Gould**, carolcgould@gmail.com;
Professor Omar Dahbour, odahbour@hunter.cuny.edu

THE MIDDLE EAST • 525 • Founded: 1971

The seminar usually meets once a month during the academic year. A prominent expert from here or abroad, commonly from the Middle East, leads a three-and-a-half-hour discussion at each meeting, assuring ample time for serious dialogue on focused issues. The seminar provides a forum for the exchange of ideas and experiences by Middle East experts in various spheres—business, banking and investment, federal service, the foundations, the media, and the liberal professions as well as academia. The seminar has become a medium for carefully defined and informed evaluation of stubborn problems in a region that symbolizes persistent instability and proliferating crises. Detailed minutes are circulated to participating members for use without attribution to uphold the confidentiality of the discussion.

FOUNDING CHAIR: **Professor J.C. Hurewitz** • CHAIR: **Professor Gary Sick** •
ASSOCIATE CHAIR: **Professor Lawrence G. Potter** • RAPPORTEUR: **Katherine von Ofenheim**

2019–2020 MEETINGS

- September 11 *Syria up Close: How It Got So Bad and Where It's Taking Us*
Anne Barnard, The New York Times
- September 19 *The Strike on Saudi Oil Facilities: Causes and Consequences*
Co-Moderator: **Jason Bordoff**, Center on Global Energy Policy
Co-Moderator: **Gary Sick**, Columbia University
- October 23 *The Israel-Hezbollah Confrontation: The Past as Prologue?*
Nadim Shehadi, Lebanese American University-New York Academic Center
- November 13 *Saudi Arabia and the United States: The End of the Affair?*
Thomas W. Lippman, Middle East Institute
- December 11 *Afghanistan: Is Peace Possible?*
Barnett R. Rubin, Afghanistan Regional Project and New York University
- January 22 *Iran's Wicked Water Problems and Politics*
Kaveh Madani, Yale University
- February 19 *Oman: Can the House that Qaboos Built Endure?*
Annelle Sheline, Quincy Institute for Responsible Statecraft
- April 6 *Conversations with the Guards: My Years with Iran's Revolutionary Guards*
Narges Bajoghli, Johns Hopkins University

2020–2021 CHAIRS: **Professor Gary Sick**, ggs2@columbia.edu; **Professor Lawrence G. Potter**, lgp5@columbia.edu

APPETITIVE BEHAVIOR • 529 • Founded: 1972

This seminar is comprised of professors, research scientists, and physicians from institutions of higher learning and industry in the greater New York area with a common interest in the biological and behavioral bases of appetitive behavior. Four major areas of interest are found within the group: 1) the control of food and fluid intake in man and animals and their effects on variation in body composition; 2) disorders with links to ingestive behavior such as obesity, bulimia, anorexia nervosa, and diabetes; 3) the role of the brain from pharmacological, physiological, neuroimaging, and neuroanatomical perspectives on the control of ingestive behavior; 4) cognitive, social, and environmental controls of ingestive behavior. The seminar thus combines interests in basic control mechanisms with clinical applications.

CHAIR: **Dr. Harry R. Kissileff** • CO-CHAIR: **Dr. Allan Geliebter** • RAPPORTEUR: **Jeon Hamm**

2019–2020 MEETINGS

- September 19 *Children's Eating Behavior: From Meals to Mechanisms*
Barbara Rolls, Pennsylvania State University
Kathleen Keller, Pennsylvania State University
- October 17 *Serotonin 4 Receptors: A Cornerstone in Adaptive Feeding Response to Stress*
Valérie Compan, Université de Nimès (France)
- November 14 *The Obesogenic Properties of Social Inequality: Socioeconomic Disadvantage Stimulates Appetite and Energy Intake*
Bobby Cheon, Nanyang Technological University (Singapore)
- December 12 *Weight Stigma, Stress, and Obesity*
Janet Tomiyama, University of California, Los Angeles
- January 30 *How Sweet It Is: Sugar Sensing in the Mouth and Gut*
Tony Sclafani, Brooklyn College, City University of New York
- February 20 *Bypassing Sweets for Alcohol: Clinical Research on Ingestive Behavior Following Bariatric Surgery*
Marta Yanina Pepino de Gruév, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

2020–2021 CO-CHAIRS: **Dr. Allan Geliebter**, ag58@columbia.edu; **Dr. Harry Kissileff**, harry.kissileff2@mountsinai.org

CULTURE, POWER, BOUNDARIES • 531 • Founded: 1972

The Culture, Power, Boundaries Seminar is a forum for work and work-in-progress that strives for a critical analysis of contemporary power relations at local and global scales and how such power relations affect the analysis, reproduction, and transformation of inequality and its cultural expressions. The seminar began forty years ago with a focus on immigration and developed into a broad forum for critical social science. While the majority of seminar members are anthropologists, and presentations tend to focus on case studies, the seminar continues to welcome, as both guests and speakers, other social scientists interested in investigating the power dimension of cultural formations and the cultural aspects of inequality.

CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Maria-Luisa Achino-Loeb**; **Professor Patricia Antonello** • RAPPOREUR: **Tania Ahmed**

2019–2020 MEETINGS

- September 23 *“The Revolution Hurt the People, Its Aftermath Hurt the Industries”:* Work, Precarity, and Militant Unionism in an Industrial Area in Nepal’s Highlands
Michael Hoffman, Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg (Germany)
- October 28 *Crossing the Borders of Viral Emergence: Histories of HIV in the Congo River Basin*
Stephanie Rupp, Lehman College, City University of New York
- February 10 *Do Black Gods Matter? Social Media, Orisa Religion, and the Negotiation of Diaspora*
Akissi Britton, Rutgers University-New Brunswick

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Professor Patricia Antonello, pata@brooklyn.cuny.edu

THE HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE • 533 • Founded: 1973

This seminar is devoted to exploring substantive as well as methodological issues in the history and philosophy of science. Science is construed broadly and the issues considered range from epistemic and historiographic questions to issues of relevance and accountability. Topics include the presuppositions and practice of a range of life sciences, earth sciences, and social sciences as well as the physical sciences and mathematics. In the physical sciences its interests range from antiquity to contemporary quantum theory. In the life sciences and social sciences, the fields considered include various forms of historical, evolutionary inquiry (in biology, geology, and the historical social sciences), biotechnology and ecology, economics, psychology and cognitive science, and interpretive social inquiry. The membership of this seminar includes scientists, philosophers, and historians. Most sessions take place in conjunction with the New York City History of Science Working Group.

CHAIR: **Professor Matthew Jones** • RAPPOREUR: **Celine Camps**

2019–2020 MEETINGS

- September 18 *Into the Forger’s Library: The Genesis of Pseudo-Paracelsian Treatise in Publication History*
Hiro Hirai, Columbia University
- October 9 *Disalienation: Politics, Philosophy, and Radical Psychiatry in France*
Camille Robics, Columbia University
- November 20 *The “Best-Kept Secret of the War”?: The Successes and Failures of the Manhattan Project’s Secrecy Regime*
Alex Wellerstein, Stevens Institute of Technology
- December 11 *The Study of Ignorance and Macroanalysis: Drilling for Arctic Oil in the 1970s*
Andrew Stuhl, Bucknell University
- January 22 *Dying of Whiteness*
Jonathan Metzl, Vanderbilt University
- February 19 *What Nostalgia Was: The History of a Deadly Emotion*
Thomas Dodman, Columbia University

2020–2021 CHAIR: **Professor Matthew Jones**, mj340@columbia.edu

IRISH STUDIES • 535 • Founded: 1973

This seminar serves as an interdisciplinary forum on all aspects and periods of Irish culture. Seminar participants come from a wide variety of fields: history, literature, art history, film studies, political science, sociology, anthropology, music, and folklore. These scholars bring to any topic under discussion a diversity of background which is stimulating and informative for all present. The concern for Irish studies as a field of scholarly inquiry is reflected in the collegial sharing of information about resources and repositories for research in the field.

CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Mary McGlynn**; **Professor Seamus O'Malley** • RAPPOREUR: **Naomi Michalowicz**

2019–2020 MEETINGS

- September 6 *Monsters, Ghosts, and Skeletons in the Closet: Memory, Trauma, and the Troubles in Northern Irish Women's Magical Realist Fiction*
Dawn Miranda Sherratt-Bado, Queen's University Belfast (Northern Ireland, UK)
- October 4 *Under the Starry Flag: How a Band of Irish Americans Joined the Fenian Revolt and Sparked a Crisis Over Citizenship*
Lucy Salyer, University of New Hampshire
- December 6 *The Legacies of Irish Humanitarianism and the New Global Novel*
Matthew Eatough, Baruch College, City University of New York
- March 6 *"How Can We Keep the Dancer From the Dance?": Interpreting Yeats on the Page, in the Archive, and Beyond*
James Pethica, Williams College

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Professor Seamus O'Malley, seamusomalley@gmail.com

CINEMA AND INTERDISCIPLINARY INTERPRETATION • 539 • Founded: 1974

The seminar draws from the faculty of New York-area universities and independent scholars; regular participants come from as far away as Baltimore. Attendance varies from twenty to forty-five people, with thirty being average. Half of the speakers are from within the seminar, half are from outside. They present works in progress that generally address important groundbreaking topics in film and media studies within an inter-disciplinary perspective. Most sessions have a respondent, often a regular member of the seminar. The seminar has an international reputation among film and media scholars and has become the center for ongoing face-to-face scholarly exchanges in the field.

CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Cynthia Lucia**; **Professor William Luhr** • RAPPOREUR: **Aaron Dowdy**

2019–2020 MEETINGS

- September 19 *Dimensional Views: From Photography to Computer Vision*
Brooke Belisle, State University of New York at Stony Brook
Respondent: **Kenneth White**, State University of New York at Binghamton
- October 17 *New Television and the Modernist Collapse of Authority*
Martin Shuster, Goucher College
Respondent: **Martha Nochimson**, David Lynch Graduate School of Cinematic Arts
- November 7 *Abstraction, Bare Life, and the Counter-Narratives of Mobility in the Refugee Films of Richard Mosse and Ai Weiwei, Incoming and Human Flow*
Robert Burgoyne, University of St Andrew's (Scotland, UK)
Respondent: **Noa Steimatsky**, John Simon Guggenheim Foundation
- December 5 *No Women in the Dressing Room: Spike Lee and the B(l)ackstage Musical*
Desirée Garcia, Dartmouth College
Respondent: **Paula Masood**, Brooklyn College, City University of New York
- January 30 *Centenary Commemoration of Women's Suffrage Part I: Women in Law on Screens and in Courtrooms*
Cynthia Lucia, Rider University
Lori Buza, Saint Peter's University
- February 6 *Centenary Commemoration of Women's Suffrage Part II: Feminist Film Theory and Its Influence in the New Millennium*
David Lugowski, Manhattanville College
Lyndsey Ogle, University of California, Berkeley

2020–2021 CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Cynthia Lucia**, cindylucia@aol.com; **Professor William Luhr**, luhrwg@aol.com

WOMEN AND SOCIETY • 545 • Founded: 1974

This seminar is devoted to the interdisciplinary study of women in their historical and social contexts, as well as feminist historiography. Among the topics the seminar considers are: the status and function of women historically; cross-cultural and sociological perspectives on women; representations of women in literature, media, and the arts; women and ethics; and feminist theories of class, race, and sexuality.

CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Maria DeLongoria**; Professor **Emily Sohmer Tai** • RAPPOREUR: **Alma Igra**

2019–2020 MEETINGS

- September 23 *Siasa na Jamii: Civic Engagement Among Secondary School Students in Tanzania*
Sharon L. Bethea, Northeastern Illinois University
Respondent: **Maria DeLongoria**, Medgar Evers College, City University of New York
- October 21 *What Is Violence When Prostitution Is Decriminalized?*
Jill McCracken, University of South Florida St. Petersburg
Respondent: **Samantha Majic**, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York
- November 18 *“We Don’t Talk About That”: Challenging Community Silence*
Maria DeLongoria, Medgar Evers College, City University of New York
Respondent: **Dionne Bennett**, New York City Institute of Technology, City University of New York
- December 16 *Æthelflæd in Her Annals*
Courtney Konshuh, University of Calgary (Canada)
Respondent: Jay Paul Gates, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York
- January 27 *Rethinking Medieval Women’s Roles and Activities in Lawsuits and Contracts in the Comtat Venaissin, 1485-1495*
Elizabeth Hardman, Bronx Community College, City University of New York
Respondent: **Emily Sohmer Tai**, Queensborough Community College, City University of New York
- February 24 *Women and the Civil Rights Movement: Rape, Criminalization, and Resistance*
Owen Brown, Medgar Evers College, City University of New York
Respondent: **Maria DeLongoria**, Medgar Evers College, City University of New York

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OTTOMAN AND TURKISH STUDIES • 551 • Founded: 1974

From its inception, this seminar adopted an interdisciplinary approach to Turkic studies, and its members represent many fields. At the same time, their interests span more than thirteen centuries. In most years, the program covers a selection of topics reflecting current research of members. Special anniversaries such as the Atatürk centennial (1981–1982), the sixtieth anniversary of the Turkish Republic (1983–1984), and the traveling exhibition, *The Age of Sultan Süleyman the Magnificent* (1987–1988), however, have provided themes around which all papers or a series of papers have been centered. Discussion on papers presented—no matter what their topic—has shown that dialogue between, for example, political scientist and art historian, medievalist and modernist, can be both stimulating and productive.

CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Leyla Amzi-Erdoğdular**; **Professor A. Tunç Şen** • RAPPOREUR: **Yasemin Akçagüner**

2019–2020 MEETINGS

- September 27 *The Turkish Shahnama and Its Illustrations*
Robert Dankoff, University of Chicago
- October 18 *Portraits of Unbelonging: Photography, the Ottoman State, and the Making of Armenian Emigrants*
Zeynep Devrim Gürsel, Rutgers University-New Brunswick
- November 1 *Islamic Collections of Ottoman Museums in Istanbul and Derailed Efforts to Foster a Trained Curator*
Ayşin Yoltar-ıldırım, Brooklyn Museum
- December 6 *The Other Republic: The Culture of Dissent Under Turkey’s One-Party State, 1919-1950*
James Ryan, New York University
- February 17 *The Politics of Armenian Migration: Mobility Control, Borders, and Sovereignty in the Late Ottoman Empire*
David E. Gutman, Manhattanville College

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Professor A. Tunç Şen, ats2171@columbia.edu

DRUGS AND SOCIETY • 553 • Founded: 1975

This seminar provides a forum for the scholarly exchange of information among key representatives of the chemical dependency research, treatment, prevention, and policy development communities. It seeks to address the important and complex questions relating to the root causes of chemical dependency and abuse, to examine and evaluate epidemiological studies, to determine the effectiveness of various treatment and prevention strategies, and to discuss the wisdom and value of current international, national, and local policies. Membership is comprised of prominent researchers, established leaders in the treatment and prevention fields, and government policy makers. Speakers in the seminar are drawn from the membership itself and by invitation from other institutions.

CHAIR: **Dr. Frank McCorry** • RAPPORTEUR: **Carolina Leiva Ureta**

2019–2020 MEETINGS

- September 17 *Advancing Quality Addiction Treatment and Driving Consumer Transparency – A Six State Pilot: Shatterproof*
Leah Kaufman, Shatterproof
- October 15 *Making Meaning of Substance Use: A Narrative Perspective on Social Justice in Policy Practice*
John P. McTighe, Ramapo College of New Jersey
Stephanie Elias Sarabia, Ramapo College of New Jersey
- November 19 *Improving Engagement and Outcome in Patients with Addictive Behavior: Strategies from Mindfulness and Modification Therapy*
Peggilee Wupperman, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York and Yale University
- December 17 *Low-Threshold Treatment of Opioid Use Disorder: A Public Health Imperative*
Caroline Rath, New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
Bruce Trigg, New York State Department of Health
- January 21 *Engaging Individuals with ID/DD in Substance Use Disorder Prevention and Treatment*
Jason Conover, AHRC New York City
Nadine Jackson, Substance Abuse Counselor
- February 18 *One Step Forward, Two Steps Back: Challenges and Opportunities in Addressing Co-Occurring Substance Use and Mental Health Disorders*
Lipi Roy, New York University
- May 19 *The COVID-19 Pandemic and the Delivery of SUD Care in New York State*
Patricia Lincourt, New York State Office of Addiction Services and Support

2020–2021 CHAIR: **Dr. Frank McCorry**, famcc127@gmail.com

BRAZIL • 557 • Founded: 1976

Recently completed field studies and research from primary sources on Brazil constitute the main interest of this seminar. Brazilian, U.S. and other visiting scholars participate, contributing their interpretations of recent events. Portuguese may be spoken whenever convenient.

CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Diana Brown**; **Professor John F. Collins**; **Professor Sidney Greenfield**; **Professor Vânia Penha-Lopes** •
RAPPORTEURS: **Tiago Amaral Ciarallo** (Fall); **Bruna Credidio Camara** (Spring)

2019–2020 MEETINGS

- September 26 *How to Curb Deforestation in the Amazon Forest*
Marina Silver, Former Brazilian Minister for the Environment; 2018 Presidential Candidate for the Sustainability Party
- October 24 *Improving Public Security in Brazil and Latin America: Contributions From Civil Society*
Iлона Szabó Carvalho, Instituto Igarapé (Brazil)
- November 14 *Understanding Politics in Present-Day Brazil: Assessing Candidates and Imagining the State*
Martijn Koister, Radboud Universiteit (Netherlands)
Flávio Eiró, Radboud Universiteit (Netherlands)
- December 12 *Fake News and Democracy: The Role of Public Communications in the Fight Against Post-Truth*
Jean Wyllys, Brazilian Federal Deputy
Fernando Salis, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)
- December 19 *Presidential Elections, Whiteness, and the Right in Brazil and the U.S.*
Vânia Penha-Lopes, Bloomfield College
- February 20 *Luck and Blood: How Children Own Animals in Northeastern Brazil*
Gregory “Duff” Morton, Bard University

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Professor Sidney Greenfield, sidneygreenfield@gmail.com; **Professor Vânia Penha-Lopes**, vania_penha-lopes@bloomfield.edu

The concerns of this seminar are interdisciplinary and humanistic. In addition to Arabic language and literature, the range of interests includes topics of significance for Islamic studies: religion, philosophy, science, law and history of the Muslim world, and modern social and cultural history. The seminar affords an opportunity to members and guest speakers to discuss research in progress. Because the members come from several disciplines, the substantive discussions draw upon various fields to expand the sources, help reformulate questions, and anticipate future publications.

CHAIR: **Professor Muhsin al-Musawi** • RAPPORTEUR: **Ruwa Mohammed Alhayek**

2019–2020 MEETINGS

- October 3 *Al-Hairi's Twelfth-Century Trivster Tales and the Islamic Archive*
Matthew Keegan, Barnard College, Columbia University
- October 17 *Medieval Iberia in Arab-Andalusian Eyes*
Nizar Hermes, University of Virginia
- November 21 *Masters of Upending: 'Beauty', 'Ugliness', and Sarcasm Within Contemporary Arabic Poetry*
Chiara Fontana, Sapienza – Università di Roma (Italy)
- January 30 *Adūnīs's Mufrad bi sīghat al-jam': Writing Where the World Begins Again*
Huda J. Fakhreddine, University of Pennsylvania
- February 27 *The Anti-Genealogical Novel and Its World Literary Alignments: Egalitarianism in Mahfouz's Experimental Fiction*
Annette Lineau, Harvard University

2020–2021 CHAIR: **Professor Muhsin al-Musawi**, ma2188@columbia.edu

In 2018-2019 the Columbia University Human Rights Seminar focused on "Re-visioning Rights: Retrenchment; Resistance." In many societies, human rights discourses and institutions face mounting backlash from forces threatened by their emancipatory potential. But the critique of human rights is not only articulated by conservative forces. Human rights scholars, advocates and policy makers have long trained our attention to the declining legitimacy of human rights, their inherent contradictions, and their oppressive potential. At this worrying juncture, our seminar seeks to provide a forum for presentations that offer critical analytical insights into the challenges posed by this backlash, the lessons to be drawn from past crises, and the opportunities for effective resistance that human rights still promise. In particular, we are interested in contributions that reflect on the legacy of critical thought in relation to rights discourses and practices, as well as contributions that address issues pertaining both to the erosion and the continuing relevance of rights in the present moment.

CO-CHAIRS: **Professor George Andreopoulos**; **Professor Yasmine Ergas** •
RAPPORTEURS: **Isaiah Frost Rivera** (Fall); **Katherine von Ofenheim** (Spring)

2019–2020 MEETINGS

- November 11 *Genocide Prevention: International Law and Changing Ideas About Territorial Sovereignty*
Tonya Putnam, Columbia University
- December 2 *Land Speculation in Brazil: Human Rights Violations, Displacement of Rural Communities, and Environmental Destruction*
Maria Luisa Mendonça, Graduate Center, City University of New York
- February 3 *The UN Global Compact for Migration and the Globalization of Border Controls*
Rey Koslowski, State University of New York at Albany
- March 2 *Remote Control of Migration: Theorizing Territoriality, Shared Coercion, and Deterrence*
David Scott FitzGerald, University of California, San Diego

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Professor Yasmine Ergas, ye36@columbia.edu

NEO-CONFUCIAN STUDIES • 567 • Founded: 1979

This seminar examines the formation, development, and role of Neo-Confucian thought in China, Japan, and Korea. The relationship between Neo-Confucianism and other aspects of the history of East Asia is considered, and on occasion intellectual responses to Neo-Confucianism are also examined. The seminar circulates copies of papers to its members prior to meetings.

CO-CHAIRS: **Ari Borrell**; **Professor Tao Jiang**; **Professor On-cho Ng** • RAPPORTEUR: **Chuyu Tian**

2019–2020 MEETINGS

- October 4 *Qing Philosophy*
On-cho Ng, Pennsylvania State University
- November 1 *Script, Antiquity, and Mental Training: Metaphysical Inquiry into the History of Writing*
Nathan Vedal, Washington University in St. Louis
- February 7 *Dasan on “Sympathetic Consideration”*
PJ Ivanhoe, Sungkyunkwan University (South Korea)
- March 6 *The Co-Action Paradigm and Non-Subjective Agency*
Mercedes Valmisa Oviedo, Gettysburg College

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Professor On-cho Ng, oxnl@psu.edu

SHAKESPEARE • 581 • Founded: 1982

This seminar explores issues of interest to current Shakespeare scholarship. Principal topics include the relation of play-script to performance, the implications of recent changes in textual study, the relevance of texts to the social and political world in which they were produced, and the impact of contemporary theory on Shakespeare criticism. A Bernard Beckerman Memorial Lecture is presented annually in honor of the seminar's founder.

CO-CHAIRS: **Professor David Hershinow**; **Professor Laura Kolb** • RAPPORTEUR: **Bernadette Myers**

2019–2020 MEETINGS

- September 13 BERNARD BECKERMAN MEMORIAL LECTURE
Ghosts, Holes, Rips, and Scrapes: Rethinking the “False Folio”
Zachary Lesser, University of Pennsylvania
- October 11 *Hearing Cues in Shakespeare: Instrumental Music and Sound Effects*
Jennifer Linhart Wood, Folger Shakespeare Library
- November 8 *Happy Hamlet*
Richard Strier, University of Chicago
- December 13 *Shakespearean Disability Theater*
Leslie Dunn, Vassar College
- February 14 *Hamlet on Ice*
Lowell Duckert, University of Delaware

2020–2021 CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Caralyn Bialo**, caralyb.bialo@mville.edu;
Professor David Hershinow, david.hershinow@gmail.com

SOUTHEAST ASIA IN WORLD AFFAIRS • 583 • Founded: 1982

This seminar is concerned with the contemporary political economy of Southeast Asia, and in particular with its international dimensions. The agenda includes current problems of economic and political change in the countries of the region, as well as issues in relations with the United States, Japan, China, and Russia. The seminar membership includes policymakers from the public and private sectors, as well as scholars, and the group as a whole has a strong policy orientation.

CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Ann Marie Murphy**; **Professor Hugh T. Patrick**

2019–2020 MEETINGS

September 19 *Beyond the Grass and the Elephants: Strategic Thinking in Southeast Asia*
Donald Emerson, Stanford University

2020–2021 CO-CHAIRS: Professor Ann Marie Murphy, amm31@columbia.edu;
Professor Hugh T. Patrick, htp1@columbia.edu

ETHICS, MORAL EDUCATION, AND SOCIETY • 585 • Founded: 1983

This seminar, made up of theoreticians, researchers, and educators, examines the themes of ethics, moral education, and society in a genuinely interdisciplinary fashion, covering such topics as moral motivation, moral development, moral education, and moral theory. Membership is drawn from the fields of psychology, philosophy, sociology, education, political theory, and religion. The seminar provides a meeting ground for communication and support unique to the New York metropolitan region.

CO-CHAIRS: **Dr. Elizabeth Cohn**; **Ronald Gross** • RAPPORTEUR: **Vrinda Handa**

2019–2020 MEETINGS

October 7 JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON INNOVATION IN EDUCATION
Living in the Anthropocene: The Challenge of Climate Change
Dale Jamieson, New York University

November 12 JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON INNOVATION IN EDUCATION
Privilege: The Making of an Adolescent Elite at St. Paul's School
Shamus Khan, Columbia University

December 10 JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON INNOVATION IN EDUCATION
The Rabbit Effect: Live Longer, Happier, and Healthier with the Groundbreaking Science of Kindness
Kelli Harding, Columbia University

March 10 JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON INNOVATION IN EDUCATION
From Microaggressions to Microinterventions: The Challenge of Becoming an "Ally" in Combatting Indignities Based on Race, Gender, and Sexual Orientation
Derald Wing Sue, Teachers College, Columbia University

2020–2021 CO-CHAIRS: Dr. Elizabeth Cohn, ec2341@columbia.edu; **Ronald Gross**, grossassoc@aol.com

COGNITIVE AND BEHAVIORAL NEUROSCIENCE • 603 • Founded: 1986

For more than 100 years, comparative psychologists have sought to understand the evolution of human intelligence. New paradigms for studying cognitive processes in animals—in particular symbol use and memory—have, for the first time, allowed psychologists and neuroscientists to compare higher thought processes in animals and human beings. New imaging approaches have also facilitated exploring the neural basis of behavior and both animals and humans. Questions concerning the nature of animal and human cognition have defined the themes of this seminar whose members include specialists in cognition, ethology, philosophy and neuroscience.

CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Mariam Aly**; **Professor Herbert S. Terrace** • RAPPORTEUR: **Jorge Mallea**

2019–2020 MEETINGS

- September 26 *Cognitive and Socioemotional Development After Repeated Exposure to General Anesthesia in Infant Rhesus Monkey's*
Mark Baxter, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai
- November 7 *Spatial Coding and Episodic Memory in the Hippocampus*
James Knierim, Johns Hopkins University
- December 5 *The Role of Scavenging Animal Foods in the Evolution of Human Diets*
Briana Pobinar, Smithsonian Institution

ON HIATUS ACADEMIC YEAR 2020–2021

FULL EMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL WELFARE, AND EQUITY • 613 • Founded: 1987

The seminar focuses on the analytical and policy issues related to full employment, social welfare, and equity. These include cross-national perspectives, primarily in other industrialized economies. The purpose is to identify and clarify the more difficult and central intellectual questions which relate to and affect the national commitment and capability to assure full employment, social welfare, and equity over long periods.

CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Sheila Collins**; **Professor Helen Lachs Ginsburg**; **Professor Gertrude Schaffner Goldberg** •
RAPPORTEUR: **Charlotte Wilhelm**

2019–2020 MEETINGS

- October 21 *The Jobs for All Manifesto: Where Do We Go From Here?*
Trudy Goldberg, Adelphi University
- November 25 *The Green New Deal and Modern Monetary Theory*
Andrés Bernal, Queens College, City University of New York
- December 16 *Climate Change, Renewables, and Nuclear Energy: Choices and Employment Impacts*
Leonard Rodberg, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the Institute for Policy Studies
- February 24 *Economic Risk in the Financialized Era: The Destabilization of the American Social Contract*
Raphaelle Chappe, Open Society Foundations and the Predistribution Initiative
- May 11 *The Role of a Job Guarantee in Economic-Induced and Pandemic-Induced Recessions*
Philip L. Harvey, Rutgers University-Camden
Discussant: **Trudy Goldberg**, Adelphi University
Discussant: **Andrés Bernal**, Queens College, City University of New York
- June 1 *Ubuntu: George M. Houser and the Struggle for Peace and Freedom on Two Continents*
Sheila D. Collins, William Paterson University
- June 29 *The National Infrastructure Bank Proposal: To Create More than 25 Million Good-Paying Industrial Jobs in America*
Alphecca Muttardy, Coalition for a National Infrastructure Bank
Robert Lynn, Coalition for a National Infrastructure Bank
The Relationship of the Infrastructure Bank to a Federal Jobs Guarantee
Philip L. Harvey, Rutgers University-Camden
- August 3 *American Unemployment: Past, Present, and Future*
Frank Stricker, California State University, Dominguez Hills

2020–2021 CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Andrés Bernal**, abernal86@gmail.com;
Professor Sheila Collins, sheila.collins65@verizon.net; **Professor Gertrude Schaffner Goldberg**, trudygoldberg@msn.com

IRANIAN STUDIES • 615 • Founded: 1987

The purpose of these monthly gatherings is to present and promote new research in Iranian studies from pre-Islamic times to the present. The seminar provides an opportunity for scholars and researchers in the greater metropolitan area to meet regularly and exchange views and discuss the topics of their research interests.

CHAIR: **Dr. Mahnaz Moazami** • RAPORTEURS: **Navid Zarrinnal** (Fall); **Shabbir Abbas** (Spring)

2019–2020 MEETINGS

- October 17 *Leather and Tanning at Persepolis Based on Data From the Fortification Archive*
Daniel T. Potts, New York University
- November 7 *The 'History of the Kings of the Persians' in Three Arabic Chronicles*
Robert G. Hoyland, New York University
- December 12 *Drinking Like a Persian: The Archaeology of Achaemenid Drinking From Egypt to Gandhara*
Henry Colburn, Metropolitan Museum of Art
- February 6 *A European View of Persia's Oldest Monuments: Some Xenological Remarks on European Travelogues*
Detlef Haberland, Carl von Ossietzky Universität Oldenburg (Germany)

ON HIATUS FALL 2020

SPRING 2021 CHAIR: **Dr. Mahnaz Moazami**, mm1754@columbia.edu

BUDDHIST STUDIES • 629 • Founded: 1990

The seminar discusses issues and ongoing research in Buddhist Studies, as well as the interface between Buddhist Studies and other humanistic and scientific disciplines. Buddhism has been a powerful cultural and intellectual, as well as religious, current in all of the Asian civilizations. Its manifestations engage the scholarly concern of members of a wide range of disciplines: religious studies (itself an interdisciplinary enterprise), philosophy, psychology, history, sociology, anthropology, comparative literature, art history, and political science, among others. The seminar is focused not on a narrow range of issues concerning the Buddhist religions, but on a broad range of philosophical, cultural, social, and scientific subjects arising from the long and rich historical experience of the numerous Buddhist civilizations.

CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Seong Uk Kim**; **Professor Zhaohua Yang** • RAPORTEUR: **Iris Zhang**

2019–2020 MEETINGS

- October 4 *Problems of the Buddha Image in Medieval China: From Soteriology to Metaphysics*
Kwi Jong Lee, Columbia University
- October 25 *Thieves, Monks, and "Artwork": The Changing Fate of Icons at a Local Monastery in Modernizing Korea*
Youn-mi Kim, Ewha Womans University (South Korea)
- November 12 *A Window into Sino-Tibetan Pure Land Practices at Dunhuang*
Jonathan Silk, Universiteit Leiden (Netherlands)
- February 7 *See Things as They Really Are: Poetry and the Bardo of Dreams*
Dominique Townsend, Bard College

2020–2021 CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Seong Uk Kim**, sk4236@columbia.edu; **Professor Zhaohua Yang**, zy2200@columbia.edu

RELIGION IN AMERICA • 661 • Founded: 1997

This seminar explores the role of religion in American society from cross-disciplinary perspectives: history, anthropology, literature, sociology, theology, material culture, etc. Both “religion” and “America” are broadly defined: “religion” takes into account multicultural and multifarious religious expressions in an increasingly pluralistic setting; “America” includes not merely the United States but Canada and the Caribbean as well. The members of the seminar are particularly interested in examining the religiously rich environment of New York City.

CHAIR: **Professor Courtney Bender** • RAPORTEURS: **Andrew Jungclaus** (Fall); **Sarah Hedgecock** (Spring)

2019–2020 MEETINGS

- September 16 *Christian Cosmopolitans: Protestant Churchwomen and the World*
Gale Kenny, Barnard College, Columbia University
- October 14 *Speak Truth to Power: Bayard Rustin’s Writing and Activism*
Sarah Azaransky, Union Theological Seminary
- November 11 *The Suburban Church: Catholic Parishes and Politics in Metropolitan New York, 1949-1985*
Stephen Koeth, Columbia University
- February 10 *A Feminist Theology of Abortion*
Myrna Perez Sheldon, Ohio State University

ON HIATUS FALL 2020

SPRING 2021 CHAIR: **Professor Courtney Bender**, cb337@columbia.edu

THE HISTORY OF COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY • 667 • Founded: 1998

This seminar provides a forum where issues that define the institutional, intellectual and social history of Columbia University will be given scholarly consideration. Speakers will consist of a mix of “outside” specialists in American academic history and Columbia “insiders” who have had a direct involvement with a particular issue and a familiarity with recent Columbia folkways.

CO-CHAIRS: **Dr. Floyd M. Hammack**; **Chauncey G. Olinger, Jr.**

2019–2020 MEETINGS

- October 2 *Columbia Confronts Climate Change*
Andrew Revkin, Columbia University
- November 6 *Student Representation in Columbia’s University Senate*
Jonathan Kriswell, Columbia University
Jacqueline de Vegvar, Columbia University
Clair Kao, Columbia University
- December 4 *Columbia College Today: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow – An Exploration of the Evolution of CCT Over the Years*
Alexis Boncy, Columbia College Today
Jill Shomer, Columbia College Today
- February 5 *Reflections on Barnard College and the Status of Women’s Higher Education*
Judith R. Shapiro, Barnard College, Columbia University and the Teagle Foundation

2020–2021 CO-CHAIRS: **Dr. Floyd M. Hammack**, fmhl@nyu.edu; **Chauncey G. Olinger, Jr.**, cgolinger@verizon.net

LANGUAGE AND COGNITION • 681 • Founded: 2000

What can the study of language contribute to our understanding of human nature? This question motivates research spanning many intellectual constituencies, for its range exceeds the scope of any one of the core disciplines. The technical study of language has developed across anthropology, electrical engineering, linguistics, neurology, philosophy, psychology, and sociology, and influential research of the recent era of cognitive science has occurred when disciplinary boundaries were transcended. The seminar is a forum for convening this research community of broadly differing expertise, within and beyond the University. As a meeting ground for regular discussion of current events and fundamental questions, the University Seminar on Language and Cognition will direct its focus to the latest breakthroughs and the developing concerns of the scientific community studying language.

CHAIR: **Professor Robert Remez** • RAPPORTEUR: **Eunice Hong**

2019–2020 MEETINGS

- September 19 *Performance Factors Influencing Competence with Linguistic Aspect*
Lauren Wagner, Ohio State University
- October 17 *Phrase Frequency in Language Processing*
Anna Siyanova-Chanturia, Victoria University of Wellington (New Zealand)
- November 21 *Linguistic Theory and Its Forensic Applications to Authorship, Linguistic Profiling, Counterterrorism, Law Enforcement, and Forensic Linguistically-Enhanced Threat Assessment*
Rob Leonard, Hofstra University
- February 6 *Metasemantics Without Semantic Intentions*
Karen Lewis, Barnard College, Columbia University

2019–2020 CHAIR: **Professor Robert Remez**, rremez@barnard.edu

MEMORY AND SLAVERY: SOCIAL AND HUMAN CONSEQUENCES • 689 • Founded: 2001

This Seminar addresses the legacy of slavery in the western hemisphere, focusing on African-American slavery in the United States. Presenters and discussants participate in dialogue on the history of slavery, its neurobehavioral and cultural underpinnings, the social, economic, and political factors facilitating ongoing racism and inequities, and the consequences for ancestors of enslaved peoples and enslaving peoples in the modern world. Members of this seminar include anthropologists, clergy, historians, neuroscientists, psychologists, sociologists, and other scholars and guests who share an interest in learning from the collective memories of slavery, determining what must be done to heal the wounds left behind by slavery, and determining how to move toward equitable and healthy societies in which all peoples can thrive.

CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Emily Anderson**; **Dr. John Delfs** • RAPPORTEUR: **Keli Safia Maksud**

2019–2020 MEETINGS

- September 26 *Teaching 'Race' and Racism to Undergraduate Students at Columbia and Barnard, 1989-2005: The Rise and Fall of a 'Core' Outside the Core Curriculum*
Robert Henning, Columbia University
- October 24 *Race and Racism Through the Lens of Literature*
Robert Henning, Columbia University
- November 21 *An Undeclared War: Images of Race, Class, and Gender Discrimination in Recent Brazilian Film, Television, and the Internet*
Esther Hamburger, Universidade de São Paulo (Brazil) and Columbia University
Carlos Augusto Calil, Universidade de São Paulo (Brazil) and Columbia University
- February 26 *Memory and Slavery: How Do We Proceed? Discussion on the Future of the Seminar*
Emily Anderson, Borough of Manhattan Community College, City University of New York
- March 26 *Book Discussion (Part 1): How to Be an Antiracist by Ibram X. Kendi*
Emily Anderson, Borough of Manhattan Community College, City University of New York
John Delfs, Good Wolf Inc.
- April 11 *Book Discussion (Part 2): How to Be an Antiracist by Ibram X. Kendi (Including Racism in the Midst of a Pandemic)*
Emily Anderson, Borough of Manhattan Community College, City University of New York
John Delfs, Good Wolf Inc.

2020–2021 CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Emily Anderson**, eanderson6@msn.com; **Dr. John Delfs**, john@goodwolf.com

EARLY CHINA • 691 • Founded: 2002

The seminar focuses on early Chinese civilization from the Neolithic Age to the Han Dynasty and brings together scholars from all Early China related fields: history, archaeology, art history, literature and language, religion and philosophy. The seminar will facilitate interregional exchanges by inviting distinguished Sinologists from other parts of the country, and will publicize new archaeological discoveries.

CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Glenda Chao**; **Professor Jue Guo** • Rapporteur: **Chris Kim**

2019–2020 MEETINGS

- September 20 *Coining Chinese Civilization: The Emergence of Civilizational Consciousness in Early China*
Uffe Bergeton, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- October 18 *The Inner-Asian Frontier Re-Examined: Shaping the Study of Artifacts and Mental Boundaries*
Yan Sun, Gettysburg College
- November 22 *Spring and Autumn Historiography: Formulaic Phrasing and Hierarchical Display in Spring and Autumn Records*
Newell Ann Van Auken, University of Iowa
- February 7 *The Material Culture of Personal Adornment in Ancient China*
Sheri Lullo, Union College
- February 21 *Cheap Substitutes or Fashionable Luxuries? The Use of Iron Mirrors in the Eastern Han*
Yanglong Guo, Smith College

MODERN BRITISH HISTORY • 701 • Founded: 2004

The seminar in Modern British history brings together historians from the different New York area institutions, together with literary scholars, political scientists, philosophers and others working historically, to hear research papers by visiting scholars, to discuss recent significant books in the field of Modern British history (from the late seventeenth century to the present) or to comment on work in progress by members of the group.

CHAIR: **Professor Susan Pedersen** • RAPPORTEUR: **Lynton Lees**

2019–2020 MEETINGS

- September 10 *Democracy, Idealism, and the State: The End of Progressive Politics in Britain, 1918-1939*
Stuart Middleton, Warwick University (England, UK)
Discussant: **Alexander Zevin**, College of Staten Island, City University of New York
- October 22 *The Townscape Movement and the Politics of Postwar Urban Renewal*
Divya Subramanian, Columbia University
Discussant: **Alison Isenberg**, Princeton University
- February 4 *Strains of Permissiveness, Fields of Force: Governing Intimacies Along the Railways of Colonial India*
Amanda Armstrong-Price, Fordham University
Discussant: **Eileen Gillooly**, Columbia University

2020–2021 CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Glenda Chao**, gchao@ursinus.edu; **Professor Jue Guo**, jguo@barnard.edu

2020–2021 CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Guy Ortolano**, ortolano@nyu.edu; **Professor Susan Pedersen**, sp2216@columbia.edu

MODERN GREEK • 703 • Founded: 2005

The seminar's title emphasizes the language—Modern Greek—over the metropolitan nation-state, Modern Greece. By so doing, the seminar uses the enduring and versatile nature of the language as a symbol for broader themes that, both diachronically and synchronically, depict the tension between sameness and difference, between the continuities and discontinuities that comprise the Hellenic world. The seminar does not limit its focus to Modern Greece, even though it remains its foremost concern, instead it seeks to provide a forum for original interdisciplinary perspectives on Byzantine, Ottoman, and Modern Greece and the Greek diaspora. Seminar participants from a wide variety of fields consider all aspects of the post-classical Greek world as well as the reception and creative appropriation of the classical Greek tradition both in Greece and abroad. The seminar examines Greek relations with Western Europe, the Balkans, the Mediterranean, the Caucasus and the Middle East, tracing also the cultural presence of historic Greek communities in these areas as well as in more recent diasporas, in the United States and Australia. The seminar also examines the presence of diverse communities within Greece.

CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Dimitrios Antoniou**; **Professor Karen Van Dyck** • RAPPORTEUR: **Chloe Howe Haralambous**

2019–2020 MEETINGS

- October 8 *Replicas and Reconstructions in the Service of the Nation: Istanbul, Athens, Skopje*
Kalliopi Amygdalou, Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (Greece)
- November 19 *From Europe's Periphery to the Centre: Transnational Migration in the Context of the Greek Crisis*
Sokratis Koniordos, University of the Peloponnese (Greece)
- February 19 *Bizim PAOK: Refugees, Sports, and Venizelism in Interwar Thessaloniki*
Loukas Tsipsios, Columbia University

2020–2021 CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Dimitrios Antoniou**, da2500@columbia.edu;
Professor Karen Van Dyck, vandyck@columbia.edu

EARLY MODERN FRANCE • 707 • Founded: 2005

The focus of the seminar is the cultural and intellectual history of early modern France (from 1500 to 1800) and the approach is interdisciplinary. The seminar includes literature scholars, historians, and philosophers. The current format, which has proven very successful, consists in circulating a relatively short piece written by the invited speaker among the group members and discussing it at the meeting. Thus, instead of a formal talk followed by a few questions, there is an in-depth, ninety-minute conversation.

CHAIRS: **Professor Thomas Dodman** (Fall); **Professor Pierre Force** (Spring)
RAPPORTEURS: **Celia Abele** (Fall); **Molly Lindberg** (Spring)

2019–2020 MEETINGS

- November 19 *"La France silencieuse mais éclairée": Staël's Ineffable Enthusiasm*
Adam Schoene, Cornell University and Columbia University
- February 12 *Looks That Kill: The Scandal of Feminine Beauty in Marguerite de Navarre's Heptaméron*
Scott Francis, University of Pennsylvania
- March 2 *Fénelon's Adventures of Telemachus and the Making of the Enlightenment*
Gary Kates, Pomona College

2020–2021 CHAIR: **Professor Pierre Force**, pf3@columbia.edu

LITERARY THEORY • 711 • Founded: 2005

This seminar has had a long and distinguished history at Columbia. Originally called Theory of Literature (469), it was revived under its current title in 2006 with a view to pursuing the relations between literature, philosophy, and the politics that pervades our cultural production and its study. For some time now, literary studies has been engaged in wider theoretical approaches to texts and to the very idea of literature and criticism, and the seminar hopes to take philosophical stock of this tendency as well as to try to bring to it, wherever possible, more creative and more rigorous angles. These goals will initially be pursued broadly and ecumenically and should it turn out that one or other theme surfaces, which demands our sustained focus, the seminar will very likely take it up for a whole year, approaching it from different angles. For the most part, one of the members will circulate a paper, introduced for the seminar by another member, but occasionally, we will invite a speaker from outside the membership.

CHAIR: **Professor Bruce Robbins** • RAPPORTEUR: **Milan Terlunen**

2019–2020 MEETINGS

- October 21 *Michel Foucault, Psychiatry, Anti-Psychiatry, and Power*
Camille Robcis, Columbia University
Respondent: **Étienne Balibar**, Université de Paris X-Nanterre (France) and Columbia University
- December 4 *“Difference” (from Philosophies of Defeat: The Jargon of Finitude)*
Bruno Bosteels, Columbia University
Respondent: Robert JC Young, New York University
- February 10 *Jane Austen, Secret Celebrity, and Mass Erotics*
David Kurnick, Rutgers University-New Brunswick
Respondent: **Joseph Albernaz**, Columbia University

2020–2021 CHAIR: **Professor Bruce Robbins**, bwr2001@columbia.edu

CULTURAL MEMORY • 717 • Founded: 2007

The University Seminar on Cultural Memory began in 2005 as an interdisciplinary colloquium welcoming graduate students and faculty from Columbia and its neighbors. The Seminar, incepted in 2007, builds upon this already-established community and aims to further develop a vibrant interdisciplinary dialogue on contemporary issues of cultural and collective memory, including but not limited to traumatic memory, collective and national forgetting, memorialization and museology, historical consciousness and historiography, embodied memory and performance, archive and testimony. The Seminar meets monthly and, in addition to discussing chapters and works-in-progress, hosts a series of distinguished visiting speakers, working in close cooperation with relevant departments and institutes at Columbia.

CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Marianne Hirsch**; **Professor Andreas Huyssen** • RAPPORTEUR: **Noni Carter**

2019–2020 MEETINGS

- September 5 *The Implicated Subject: Beyond Victims and Perpetrators*
Michael Rothberg, University of California, Los Angeles
Respondent: **Gil Hochberg**, Columbia University
- October 1 *Legacies of Perpetration: Confronting My Family’s Nazi Past*
Roger Frie, Simon Fraser University (Canada)
Respondent: **Marianne Hirsch**, Columbia University
- October 29 *Heimat (Belonging: A German Reckons with History and Home)*
Nora Krug, Independent Scholar
Respondent: **Andreas Huyssen**, Columbia University
- February 24 *Transmitted Wounds: Media and the Mediation of Trauma*
Amit Pinchevski, Hebrew University of Jerusalem (Israel)
Respondent: **Andreas Huyssen**, Columbia University

2020–2021 CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Marianne Hirsch**, mh2349@columbia.edu;
Professor Andreas Huyssen, ah26@columbia.edu

COMPARATIVE PHILOSOPHY • 721 • Founded: 2007

The Comparative Philosophy Seminar seeks to advance constructive philosophical projects by bringing together scholars with training in diverse areas of Asian thought (mostly the Indian and Chinese) and Western Philosophy. Comparison in this context is not employed to loan authority to one perspective or other. Nor is it in pursuit of general laws of human cultural and intellectual development. Rather, the intent is to explicate, and employ, the fullness of an expanded philosophical toolset, and see how that works. The seminar ordinarily invites respondents who are versed in the relevant field of philosophical inquiry, but who are not necessarily specialists in Asian thought. In order to facilitate an ongoing conversation, seminar meetings for a given year are loosely organized around a very general theme, which speakers are asked to address when possible.

CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Jonathan Gold**; **Professor Hagop Sarkissian** • RAPPORTEUR: **Verena Meyer**

2019–2020 MEETINGS

- September 20 *Autonomy, Difference, and “Getting It Oneself” (Zide 自)*
Justin Tiwald, San Francisco State University
Respondent: **Katja Vogt**, Columbia University
- October 11 *The Role of Negative Emotions in the Good Life: Reflections From the Zhuangzi*
Richard Kim, Loyola University Chicago
Respondent: **Christopher Gowans**, Fordham University
- November 8 *Beyond the Pluralism Dilemma: A Constitutional Reconstruction of Confucian Democracy*
Sungmoon Kim, City University of Hong Kong
Respondent: **Omar Dahbour**, Hunter College, City University of New York
- December 6 *The Immortal Spirit in Classical Chinese Aesthetic*
Paul R. Goldin, University of Pennsylvania
Respondent: **Sandra Shapshay**, Hunter College, City University of New York
- January 24 *Dependence, Autonomy, and the Varieties of Relationship*
Aaron Stalnaker, Indiana University Bloomington
Respondent: **Timothy Connolly**, East Stroudsburg University
- February 28 *What Kind of an Illusion Is the Illusion of the Self?*
Karsten Struhl, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York
Respondent: **Kin Cheung**, Moravian College

2020–2021 CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Jonathan Gold**, jcgold@princeton.edu;
Professor Hagop Sarkissian, hagop.sarkissian@baruch.cuny.edu

THEORY AND HISTORY OF MEDIA • 727 • Founded: 2009

The University Seminar on the Theory and History of Media brings together scholars from the humanities and social sciences to examine emerging concepts in media theory. Media, in this conception, refers to material technologies that (re)produce, store, and transmit information – a conception broad enough that allows us to move from, say, the role of print technologies in early modern Europe, through spirit photography to the emergence of contemporary digital media. We are especially interested in the ways in which technologies shape and are shaped by cultural practices, and social sensibilities, and we consider a historical dimension as central to this effort. There is nothing so powerful in understanding the novelty and dynamism of contemporary media as looking at the introduction of earlier technologies whose technical and social influence was yet to be understood. At the same time, we are also committed to moving beyond the specifics of media in the U.S. to incorporate the different histories and trajectories of media in Europe and elsewhere. Finally, we intend this to be beyond any one disciplinary approach and each year is organized around a specific theme that sets the frame for questions and conversation.

CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Zeynep Çelik**; **Professor Ying Qian** • RAPPORTEUR: **Alex Zivkovic**

2019–2020 MEETINGS

- September 26 *Bauhaus Equipment*
Zeynep Çelik, Columbia University
- March 2 *The Axiom of High Modernism*
Alma Steingart, Columbia University

2020–2021 CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Zeynep Çelik**, zc2171@columbia.edu; **Professor Ying Qian**, yq2189@columbia.edu

SITES OF CINEMA • 735 • Founded: 2010

“Sites of Cinema” takes a new approach to the question of cinema at the moment when cinema is said to be in decline, even in some accounts said to be facing its “death.” At this moment, when are focused on a convergence of moving image forms into a single delivery system we take up divergence over convergence, a divergence. Alternative to André Bazin’s question “What is Cinema?” “Sites of Cinema” will ask “Where is Cinema?” Where has it been seen to be and where will it be spaced in the future—as theoretical construct, national culture, material object, artistic work, social practice and space of exhibition. Cinema has moved and is still moving—from theatrical stages to museum walls, in and on buildings as well as within historical nations and regions of the world. “Sites of Cinema” signals our interest in site-specific cinemas plural but also cinema as a total apparatus—the “cinema of the mind” for the mass audience.

CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Nico Baumbach**; **Professor Jane Gaines**; **Professor Rob King**; **Professor Debashree Mukherjee** ·
RAPORTEURS: **Taylor Morris** (Fall); **Spandita Behera** (Spring)

2019–2020 MEETINGS

- September 26 *Televisioning Makerworld: A Poetics of Administrative Production*
John Caldwell, University of California, Los Angeles
Respondent: **Anna McCarthy**, New York University
- October 10 *Radical Theater to Theatrical Cinema: Ghatak’s Experiment in Autobiography*
Moinak Biswas, Jadavpur University (India)
Respondent: **Debashree Mukherjee**, Columbia University
- November 21 *Confessions Between Two Media Paradigms*
Damon Young, University of California, Berkeley
Respondent: **Nico Baumbach**, Columbia University
- January 30 *When the Left Eye Meets the Right Ear: Cinematic Fantasia and Comic Soundscape in City Scenes (1935) and 1930s Chinese Leftwing Music*
Ling Zhang, State University of New York at Purchase
Respondent: **Jane Gaines**, Columbia University
- February 20 *Andre Bazin’s Anti-Anthropocentric Film Theory: Art, Science, Religion*
Angela Dalle Vacche, Georgia Institute of Technology
Respondent: **Sam Di Iorio**, Hunter College, City University of New York

2020–2021 CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Nico Baumbach**, nb2428@columbia.edu; **Professor Jane Gaines**, jmg2196@columbia.edu

NARRATIVE, HEALTH, AND SOCIAL JUSTICE • 737 • Founded: 2010

This interdisciplinary and inter-institutional seminar explores the connections between narrative, health, and social justice. If disease, violence, terror, war, poverty and oppression all manifest themselves in narrative, then it is equally true that resistance, justice, healing, activism, and collectivity can be products of a narrative-based approach to ourselves and the world. Narrative understanding helps unpack the complex power relations in a society between the entitled and the marginalized, state and worker, disabled body and able-body, bread-earner and child-bearer, subject and researcher, patient and provider, the developing world and the established world, often through the lens of the self and the other. The seminar will draw from such fields as journalism, performance arts, law, public health, trauma studies, environmental studies, anthropology, sociology, literary studies, medicine, writing, and cultural studies. The common thread will be the narratives we tell as individuals, families, communities, and nations that situate our experience in social, political, and cultural contexts, and that express in so many ways our search for justice in our world and for our world. The seminar invites an intersectional approach that addresses and questions racial injustice, health inequity, discrimination, stigma, and disparities in resources and access. Our aim is to broaden the mandate of each of our disciplines, challenging each of us to bring a critical, self-reflective eye to our scholarship, teaching, practice, and organizing. How are the stories we tell manifestations or enablers of social injustice? How can we transform such stories into narratives of restorative justice, health, and change?

CHAIR: **Mario de la Cruz** · RAPORTEUR: **Zahra Khan**

2019–2020 MEETINGS

- December 16 *Witnessing and Representation: Remembering Caregiving and AIDS*
Elena Schwolsky, Independent Scholar
Valery Hughes, Weill Cornell Medicine
- February 26 *Developing Narratives of Empowerment*
Sue Fearless, Fearless Women LLC

2020–2021 CO-CHAIRS: **Mario de la Cruz**, md2998@columbia.edu; **Zahra Khan**, zhk2107@columbia.edu

COLUMBIA SCHOOL LINGUISTICS • 739 • Founded: 2011

The seminar series continues the line of research established by Professor of Linguistics William Diver. The aim in this approach, as contrasted with formal linguistics, is to account for observed language use, with authentic text as the main source of data. For grammar, this typically entails hypotheses about linguistic signals and their meanings; for phonology, hypotheses about the relevant phonetic characteristics of phonological units. The roles of communication and a human factor are explicitly acknowledged as supporting the explanations offered. The series was begun in 1968 by Diver for the benefit of graduate students working on doctoral theses under his guidance. Since his death in 1995, the series has continued under the auspices of the Columbia School Linguistic Society, with participants presenting analyses or work in progress. Occasionally, it hosts by invitation presenters doing compatible work outside the Columbia School tradition. Work coming out of the seminar has led to numerous conference presentations and publications.

CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Wallis Reid**; **Professor Nancy Stern** • RAPPORTEUR: **Prakhar Bhartiya**

2019–2020 MEETINGS

- September 13 *Revisiting the English System of Degree of Control and Why We Sometimes Behave Ourselves*
Nancy Stern, City College, City University of New York
- October 4 *Some English 'Prepositions' Revisited*
Alan Huffman, New York City College of Technology, City University of New York
- November 1 *'A' in Spanish: A Sign-Based Analysis to Account for Its Distribution*
Roxana Risco, Universidad Nacional de la Plata (Argentina) and Graduate Center, City University of New York
- November 22 *Exploring a New Problem: 'Must', 'May', and 'Could'*
Lauren Whitty, Graduate Center, City University of New York
- December 20 *Exploration of They/Them Usage*
Joss Sackler, Independent Scholar
- February 7 *Columbia School and Variation*
Ricardo Otheguy, Graduate Center, City University of New York
- February 21 *What Do Words Mean? The Lexicographer vs. the Linguist – Forays into English 'Prepositions' and Related Matters*
Alan Huffman, New York City College of Technology, City University of New York
- April 3 *The Semantic Contribution of 'A' in Spanish*
Roxana Risco, Universidad Nacional de la Plata (Argentina) and Graduate Center, City University of New York
- April 24 OPEN PANEL DISCUSSION
Ellen Contini-Morava, University of Virginia
Bob de Jonge, Rijksuniversiteit Groningen (Netherlands)
Ricardo Otheguy, Graduate Center, City University of New York
Wallis Reid, Rutgers University-New Brunswick
- May 8 *'Él' and 'Ella' in Spanish: How to Account for Their Distribution*
Berenice Darwich, Borough of Manhattan Community College, City University of New York

2020–2021 CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Wallis Reid**, wallis.reid@gse.rutgers.edu; **Professor Nancy Stern**, nstern.ccny@gmail.com

GLOBAL AND INTERDISCIPLINARY CORE CURRICULA • 741 • Founded: 2011

Purpose: To collectively explore the pedagogical purpose and best practice approaches to interdisciplinary and global humanities “core” at the level of higher education to meet the challenges of the emerging world.

A major challenge to teaching humanities today is how to rethink its pedagogy in such a way that students not only learn about different cultures of the world but learn from them to think critically about the way each of us understand, experience, and broaden our own culture. This Seminar welcomes the participation of faculty and administrators from Columbia and beyond, as well as select invested students, to 1) help frame the kinds of questions that most demand humanity’s collective concern in this new age of interdependence; 2) to identify those classics—including seminal advances in contemporary sciences where advisable—from throughout the world’s traditions that will help bring those concerns into sharpest focus; and 3) to rethink from a fresh perspective the institutional structures and resources by which this new generation of interdisciplinary “core” courses may be most effectively implemented.

CHAIR: **Professor Rachel E. Chung**

2019–2020 MEETINGS

- October 18 *The Symposium Project*
Rachel E. Chung, Columbia University
- February 19 *Classics for an Emerging World*
- March 6 *Sophocles' Philocetes*
Gareth Williams, Columbia University
- March 27 *Menicus and His Psychology of Pedagogy*
Rachel E. Chung, Columbia University
- June 20 *Ferdowsi's Legend of Seyavash*
Jo Ann Cavallo, Columbia University

2020–2021 CHAIR: **Professor Rachel E. Chung**, ec61@columbia.edu

COMPLEXITY SCIENCE, MODELING, AND SUSTAINABILITY • 743 • Founded: 2011

Our world is becoming increasingly complex. Due in large part to biological, technological and human cultural changes, we are being confronted with progressively more complex ecological, political, economic, technical and social problems with climate change and ecological crisis being some of the most critical challenges before us. These crises place extreme demands on our capacities to comprehend and react adaptively and hence require holistic, systems thinking to fully understand the complexities of the human-environment interface. In this complex world of profound sustainability challenges, our scholarship and evidence-based practices require new metaphors, methods, measures and forms of inter-disciplinary research, engagement and communication. This Columbia University Seminar will provide an intellectual forum to explore and cultivate new inter-disciplinary collaborations around our greatest sustainability challenges.

CO-CHAIRS: **Dr. Joshua Fisher**; **Dr. Jacqueline Klopp**; **Dr. Christoph Meinrenken** • RAPPORTEUR: **Nathan Albert**

2019–2020 MEETINGS

- October 16 *Advancing the Role of Public Health in Climate Change Mitigation*
Jonathan Buonocore, Harvard University
- December 11 *Using Data to Cover Climate Change and Health*
Kristen Lombardi, Columbia University
Elisabeth Gawthorp, Columbia University
Veronica Penney, Columbia University
Dean Russell, Columbia University

CATHOLICISM, CULTURE, AND MODERNITY • 745 • Founded: 2011

This interdisciplinary seminar explores aspects of the relationship between Catholicism and the modern world, and examines alternatives to standard narratives of secularization by drawing on recent work in the humanities, the social sciences, and the natural sciences. The seminar provides a forum for scholars to present and discuss the Catholic intellectual tradition in a modern academic setting.

CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Pierre Force**; **Professor Lorenzo Polvani** • RAPPORTEUR: **Matt Mazewski**

2019–2020 MEETINGS

- September 17 *Where in this World Is the Human Soul?*
Robert Pollack, Columbia University
- October 22 *Fanny Howe's Ordinary Mysticism*
Anthony Domestico, State University of New York at Purchase and Commonweal Magazine
- November 6 CO-SPONSORED BY THE LUMEN CHRISTI INSTITUTE
Science and Faith: Non-Overlapping Magisteria?
Moderator: **Carlo Lancellotti**, College of Staten Island, City University of New York
Stephen Barr, University of Delaware
Jonathan Lunine, Cornell University
- February 26 *Longing for an Absent God*
Nick Ripatrazzone, Independent Scholar

2020–2021 CO-CHAIRS: **Dr. Joshua Fisher**, jf2788@columbia.edu; **Dr. Jacqueline Klopp**, jk2002@columbia.edu;
Dr. Christoph Meinrenken, cmeinrenken@ei.columbia.edu

2020–2021 CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Pierre Force**, pf3@columbia.edu; **Professor Lorenzo Polvani**, lmp@columbia.edu

STUDIES IN DANCE • 749 • Founded: 2011

Studies in Dance takes a broad, interdisciplinary approach to dance scholarship, while serving as an ongoing forum for discussion by established and younger scholars. The Seminar embraces all forms of dance scholarship, regardless of discipline, research area, and methodology, and has the long-term goal of encouraging academic publication and new research. The members include Barnard College and Columbia University faculty as well as independent scholars and faculty from other New York institutions, although speakers may come from outside the metropolitan area.

CHAIR: **Professor Lynn Garafola** • RAPPOREUR: **Buck Wanner**

2019–2020 MEETINGS

- September 23 *Theatres of the Body: Science and Stage in Antebellum Philadelphia*
Lynn Brooks, Franklin & Marshall College
- October 21 *Movement's Paradox: Culture, Politics, and Modern Dance in Germany, 1900-1935*
Ana Isabel Keilson, Harvard University
- November 18 *Winin' Through the Violence: Performing Carib[being]ness at the Brooklyn Carnival*
Adanna Kai Jones, Bowdoin College
- December 9 *The Contributions of Félix Fernández to the Choreographic Process of the Le Tricorne and to Dance*
M. Gabriela Estrada, Independent Scholar
- February 3 *Bureaucratic Angling, Institutional Activism: The NEA's Covert Culture Wars, 1981-1996*
Sarah Wilbur, Duke University
- March 2 *Forgery and Remains: Connected Histories and New World Magics*
VK Preston, University of Toronto (Canada)

2020–2021 CHAIR: **Professor Lynn Garafola**, lg97@columbia.edu

GLOBAL MENTAL HEALTH • 757 • Founded: 2012

Historically, the global health agenda has prioritized communicable and non-communicable diseases other than mental health; however, the data now unequivocally and overwhelmingly point to the essential need to make mental health an integral component of the global health agenda. This will require innovative thinking, multidisciplinary collaboration, and strategic initiatives. The GMH University Seminar is supported by faculty from across multiple departments at Columbia; it provides the opportunity for intellectual discourse on the essential issues in global mental health; and it serves as a seminal component of the multidisciplinary program in global mental health at Columbia University.

The GMH University Seminar aims to facilitate professional collaborations and contribute to the field by hosting programs that address and advance the scientific, policy, and practical aspects of making mental health a core component of the global health agenda.

CHAIR: **Professor Kathleen Pike** • RAPPOREUR: **Victoria Leonard**

2019–2020 MEETINGS

- October 7 *Implementation Science-Backwards: How to Evaluate and Improve Psychosocial Interventions in Humanitarian Settings*
Sabrina Hermosilla, Columbia University
- November 4 *Mothers' Childhoods and the Intergenerational Transmission of Mental Health Risk in the Context of Adversity*
Pamela Scorza, Columbia University
- December 9 *The Mental Health Crisis in Mexico and the Impact of Displacement in the Region*
Maria Elena Medina-Mora, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (Mexico)
- January 27 *Caminando: Assessing Pre-, Peri-, and Post-Migration Risks for Mental Health Problems in Adolescent Latinos Migrating to NYC Without Their Parents*
Manuela Orjuela Grimm, Columbia University
Roberto Lewis Fernandez, Columbia University and Harvard University

2020–2021 CHAIR: **Professor Kathleen Pike**, kmp2@cumc.columbia.edu

DEFENSE AND SECURITY • 759 • Founded: 2013

The Columbia University Seminar on Defense and Security advances understanding of global military issues through sustained analysis. The seminar addresses the most urgent problems of our time; assesses strategies to resolve, mitigate, and meet these challenges; and initiates specific courses of action. All are welcome to participate.

CHAIR: **Nancy Walbridge Collins** • RAPPOREUR: **Daniel White**

2019–2020 MEETINGS

- September 25 *Today's Home-Grown Terrorism as a Global Threat*
Charles Berger, Federal Bureau of Investigation
- October 9 *War in the Twenty-First Century City*
Patrick J. Mahaney, National Center for Urban Operations
- October 23 *Protecting Global Assets in Real Time*
Whitney Kassel, Morgan Stanley
- November 6 *Russia's Military Adventurism in Global Conflicts*
Liam Collins, United States Military Academy
- February 5 *Incubating in National Security: Inside the Black Box*
Heinrik Werdelin, Prehype
- February 26 *Hiding Nukes in the Digital Age: A Problem for Strategic Deterrence*
Brian Sittlow, United States Navy
- April 1 *The US Military's Role in Geopolitical Balancing*
Joseph Miller, United States Special Operations Command
- April 22 *A Seven Continent Strategy: Today's Deployments of US Special Operations and Their Partners*
Michael Brooks, United States Marine Corps

2020–2021 CHAIR: **Nancy Walbridge Collins**, nwcollins@columbia.edu

BEYOND FRANCE • 763 • Founded: 2014

This University Seminar focuses on the transnational material, intellectual and symbolic exchanges that have characterized the regions that once composed successive French empires since the seventeenth century. The seminar will not be an exercise in colonial or imperial history, organized around the opposition between “center” and “periphery”, but rather an exploration of connections and lines of fragmentation within that space. The goal of the seminar will be to explore not only France’s global expansion and retraction in the modern period, but, no less significantly, the after-lives of the French empire in various post-colonies, networks, and institutions. Our goal is to map a distinct—but not isolated—world within the “globe,” one conditioned but not defined by France, its empires, its language, and its ecumene. Inherently interdisciplinary, the seminar will bring together scholars in the humanities and the social sciences from Europe, North America, Asia, and Africa in order to understand these complex exchanges that reach “Beyond France”.

CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Tabetha Ewing**; **Professor Gregory Mann** • RAPPOREUR: **Madeline Woker**

2019–2020 MEETINGS

- October 25 *Freedoms to Circulate: Rethinking Borders and Belonging Through West African Mobility*
Julie Kleinman, Fordham University
Discussant: **Joshua Schreier**, Vassar College
- November 8 *Perfect Property: Historical Memory, Infrastructure, and the Conditions of Recognition Between Nineteenth-Century Haiti and France*
Winter Schneider, University of Pennsylvania

ON HIATUS ACADEMIC YEAR 2020–2021

LOGIC, PROBABILITY, AND GAMES • 765 • Founded: 2014

The seminar is concerned with applying formal methods to fundamental issues, with an emphasis on probabilistic reasoning, decision theory and games. In this context “logic” is broadly interpreted as covering applications that involve formal representations. The topics of interest have been researched within a very broad spectrum of different disciplines, including philosophy (logic and epistemology), statistics, economics, and computer science. The seminar is intended to bring together scholars from different fields of research so as to illuminate problems of common interest from different perspectives. Throughout each academic year, meetings are regularly presented by the members of the seminar and distinguished guest speakers.

CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Haim Gaifman**; **Dr. Yang Liu**; **Professor Rohit Parikh** • RAPPORTEUR: **Arthur Heller Britto**

2019–2020 MEETINGS

- October 25 *Combinational Probability and Inadmissible Information*
Anubav Vasudevan, University of Chicago
- November 8 *A Case Study on Causal Inference*
Hanti Lin, University of California, Davis
- December 6 *Completeness for Game Logic*
Yde Venema, Universiteit van Amsterdam (Netherlands)
- March 6 *Minimal Rationalizations*
Igor Kopylov, University of California, Davis

2020–2021 CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Haim Gaifman**, hgl7@columbia.edu; **Dr. Yang Liu**, yl587@cam.ac.uk;
Professor Rohit Parikh, rparikh@gc.cuny.edu

HUMAN-ANIMAL STUDIES • 769 • Founded: 2014

The University Seminar on Human-Animal Studies is open to faculty and professional membership in the field of Human-Animal Studies. Vibrant new scholarship is emerging in this area of work. The field's focus is on how humans and (other) animals have interacted across cultures and histories: how the protein, work, and products derived from animals have contributed to human projects; how cross-species relationships have shaped human histories; and how animals' imaginative and aesthetic roles in cultures are connected to the living presence of animals. Work in this field tends to be interdisciplinary, drawing on the social sciences and the humanities as well as on the already interdisciplinary fields of environmental and posthumanist studies.

CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Brian Boyd**; **Professor Na'ama Harel** • RAPPORTEUR: **Fern Thompsett**

2019–2020 MEETINGS

- November 18 *Farm to Pharmacy: Animals, Nutrition, and Governance in Britain, 1870-1945*
Alma Igra, Columbia University
- February 11 *The Moth*
Rachel Mundy, Rutgers University-Newark

ON HIATUS FALL 2020

SPRING 2021 CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Brian Boyd**, bb2305@columbia.edu; **Professor Na'ama Harel**, nh2508@columbia.edu

INDIGENOUS STUDIES • 771 • Founded: 2014

Indigenous Peoples' claims for retributive justice are leading to debates over restitution, and the legal, political and moral consequences of the acknowledgement of past wrongs. What are the ramifications of the right to self-determination for Indigenous Peoples in a contemporary world? Collective and individual identities and human rights may be in tension with each other. How are these to be reconciled? Gender and generational differentiations may underscore not just individual rifts, but potentially broader conflict within groups themselves. What could be a human rights response to such conflicts? Economic interests of majorities are put forward to justify displacement, dispossession and other violations of Indigenous Peoples' rights. And the hunger for the world's still unexplored natural resources that reside on Indigenous Peoples' lands motivates major decisions of governments and the private sector, with unclear commitment to benefit sharing and even the human rights of Indigenous Peoples. How are conflicting claims and rights between Indigenous Peoples and the dominant society to be resolved? What should be the role of the state in these conflicts? Is the dichotomy between western knowledge and indigenous knowledge a true dichotomy? Can one think "scientifically" and yet be open to an indigenous worldview? Does the adoption of Western epistemologies, ontologies, and methodologies really entail the wholesale rejection of their indigenous counterparts and vice-versa? What is the role of expressive culture and aesthetics in these inquiries? How do they reveal and help us think through indigenous sovereignty or its pursuit, indigenous epistemologies, inter- and intra-community conflict over definitions of identity, social roles, relationships to the physical world and political organization and action?

The University Seminar on Indigenous Studies at Columbia provides the opportunity for sharing research on these many critical issues, which are challenging and unsettling scholars, researchers, and practitioners in and around this field. Discussions revolve around contentious and emerging issues in the field of indigenous studies and research and contribute to the advancement of the field.

CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Pamela Calla**; **Professor Elsa Stamatopoulou** • RAPPORTEUR: **Romina Quezada Morales**

2019–2020 MEETINGS

- October 7 *Southeastern Experiences Beyond Removal: Remembering, Forgetting, and Mythologizing Louisiana's Petite Nations*
Elizabeth Ellis, New York University
Respondent: **Tim Vasko**, Bard College
- November 6 *Desecration, Profit, and the Protection of Indigenous Sacred Sites in Australia's Northern Territory*
Benedict Scambray, Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority (Australia)
- December 4 *Appropriating Trauma and Trademarking Aloha: Culinary Neocolonialism in Oceania*
Hi'lei Julia Kawehipuaakahaopulani Hobart, Columbia University
Respondent: **Aaron A. Fox**, Columbia University
- February 4 *The Culturalization of Bedouin Indigeneity*
Ibrahim Abu-Lughod, Columbia University
Respondent: **Elsa Stamatopoulou**, Columbia University
- March 3 *Outposts: Fort Laramie, Indigenous Identity, and the Crossroads of History*
Tiffany Hale, Barnard College, Columbia University
Respondent: **Sedelta Oosahwee**, National Education Association

2020–2021 CO-CHAIRS: Professor **Pamela Calla**, pc1210@nyu.edu; **Professor Elizabeth Hutchinson**, eh499@columbia.edu

THE INTEGRATIVE STUDY OF ANIMAL BEHAVIOR • 773 • Founded: 2014

Animal behavior is the ultimate complex and integrated trait, shaped not only by gene, protein, neural, endocrine interactions, but also by interactions among animals of the same and even different species. This Seminar takes an integrative approach to exploring animal behavior by bring together scientists that work in the lab and field to study neuroscience, behavioral ecology, behavioral endocrinology, functional genomics, population genetics, comparative physiology, and more.

CHAIR: **Professor Dustin Rubenstein** • RAPPORTEUR: **Nataly Shahaf**

2019–2020 MEETINGS

- September 23 *Mechanisms Driving Divergence in Seasonal Activation of Songbird Reproduction*
Tim Grieves, North Dakota State University
Evolution of Cell Types and Circuits in the Vertebrate Forebrain
Maria Tosches, Columbia University
- November 25 *Themes and Variations: Neural Circuit Mechanisms of Behavioral Evolution*
Vanessa Ruta, Rockefeller University
Sensory Stimuli, Motor Actions, and Movement in Drosophila
Katherine Nagel, New York University
- February 3 *Neuropeptide Regulation of Innate Behavior in Mosquitoes*
Laura Duvall, Columbia University
Extracellular Mechanisms of Pain-Related Brain Plasticity
Maral Tajerian, Queens College, City University of New York

ON HIATUS FALL 2020

SPRING 2021 CHAIR: **Professor Dustin Rubenstein**, dr2497@columbia.edu

THE FUTURE OF AGING RESEARCH • 775 • Founded: 2014

Life expectancy beyond age 80 is becoming commonplace in countries all around the world, and the 65-and-over population will more than double to 1.6 billion by 2050. Our challenge will be to ensure that people are living not only longer lives, but rich lives filled with purpose and good health that benefit all generations and society at large. The Future of Aging Research University Seminar, initiated by the Robert N. Butler Columbia Aging Center, is supported by faculty from across multiple departments at Columbia as well as several external members; it provides the opportunity for intellectual discourse about the implications of aging societies, the modifiability of aging processes, and evidence that supports successful aging for individuals and societies. By looking at topics like the modifiability of cognitive aging, or how stress or disparities affect late life outcomes, The Future of Aging Research University Seminar aims to facilitate interdisciplinary collaborations and contribute to the field by hosting programs that catalyze, promote, and advance aging science and improve policies to benefit longer lives.

CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Martin Picard**; **Professor Jennifer J. Manly**; **Professor Kavita Sivaramakrishnan** •
RAPPORTEUR: **Autumn Clemons**

2019–2020 MEETINGS

- September 17 *Deconstructing the Aging Brain at the Molecular Level*
Philip De Jager, Columbia University
- December 3 *Refining Subjective Cognitive Decline to Direct Preclinical Alzheimer's Disease*
Stephanie Cosentino, Columbia University
- February 25 *Let's Get Rid of Chronological Age in the Study of Population Aging*
Warren Sanderson, State University of New York at Stony Brook

2020–2021 CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Jennifer J. Manly**, jjm71@columbia.edu;
Professor Martin Picard, mp3484@cumc.columbia.edu; **Professor Kavita Sivaramakrishnan**, ks2890@columbia.edu

AFFECT STUDIES • 777 • Founded: 2015

This seminar seeks to bring together scholars in the fields and subfields that have been touched by a growing interest in emotional or affective experience, whether understood as embodied or incorporeal, emotional or impersonal, quantifiable or escaping measurement. This inter/multidisciplinary seminar on affect will incorporate a wide range of approaches and topics across disciplines and periods. We aim to provide a forum for a discussion of affect in the arts, sciences, history, psychology, philosophy, ecology, queer/feminist studies and social theory, among others, as well as a means to historicize how affect and emotion have served in religious, social, and political contexts in different periods and locales, from Antiquity to contemporary life. We feel that fostering interdisciplinary exchange on the question of affect is vital for understanding the many valences of affect studies' vocabulary and concerns.

CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Patricia Dailey**; **Professor Thomas Dodman**; **Professor Lauren Mancina** • RAPPORTEUR: **Alec Joyner**

2019–2020 MEETINGS

- September 30 *The Material as a Site of Invisible Emotions in 1930s Britain*
Shaul Bar-Haim, University of Essex (England, UK)
- November 7 *Persuasion, Wonder, and the End of Life*
Wendy Anne Lee, New York University
- February 7 *Beached*
Hannah Freed-Thall, New York University

2020–2021 CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Patricia Dailey**, pdailey@columbia.edu;
Professor Thomas Dodman, td2551@columbia.edu; **Professor Lauren Mancina**, laurenmancia@brooklyn.cuny.edu

DISABILITY, CULTURE, AND SOCIETY • 779 • Founded: 2015

This seminar provides a venue for scholars working in disability studies—which examines the social, political, cultural, and historical factors that define disability—to interrogate the current state of the field and identify the most crucial problems and concerns for its future. Critical scholarship around disability questions is essential because it builds a platform to interrogate charged ethical and political questions about the meaning of aesthetics and cultural representation, identity, and dynamics of social inclusion and/or exclusion. Over the past 20 years, disability studies has grown into a vibrant interdisciplinary arena, engaging some of the most pressing debates of our time: questions about the beginning and end of life, prenatal testing, abortion, euthanasia, eugenics; the social impact of structural racism in shaping disability; the role of disability, especially racialized disability, in interpreting and responding to acts of violence; definitions of mental health and wellness, including the boundaries of gender identity and mental health; accommodation in schools, public transportation, and the workplace; technologies for the medical correction and “cure” of the non-normative body; disease, wartime injuries, post-traumatic stress, and healthcare.

CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Julia Miele Rodas**; **Professor Irina Carlota (Lotti) Silber** • RAPPORTEUR: **Liz Bowen**

2019–2020 MEETINGS

- October 18 *Will's Story: A Voice-Centered Narrative of Self and Identity in Everyday Life*
Tara Fanon, Hofstra University
- November 12 *Black Madness :: Mad Blackness*
Therí Alyce Pickens, Bates College

2020–2021 CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Irina Carlota (Lotti) Silber**, isilber@ccny.cuny.edu;
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SUSTAINABLE FINANCE • 783 • Founded: 2016

The transition to a sustainable economic system looms as one of the key challenges of the present generation. This seminar brings together academically-minded practitioners and practically-oriented academics to explore how the financial sector can play an essential and constructive role in funding this transition. The seminar touches on a variety of topics including social impact investing, the integration of environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors into analysis, the financing of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals, and financial system integrity. It also explores the limits to sustainable development policies.

CO-CHAIRS: **Mark Cox**; **Dr. Bruce Kahn** • RAPPORTEUR: **Chaarvi Amit Badani**

2019–2020 MEETINGS

- September 23 *Climate Impact Assessment: What's Real and What's Hype?*
Michele Demers, Boundless Impact Investing
- October 21 *An Analysis of Private Wealth and Asset Management Within an ESG Framework*
Adam Bernstein, Glitterman Wealth
- November 12 *Nuts and Bolts of Tax Equity Financing*
Santosh Raikar, Silver Peak
- December 16 *Sustainable Finance Investing: How Fast Can It Grow?*
Michael Scanlon, Silver Leaf Partners
- January 27 *Financing 1.5°C: What's Practical, What's Meaningful, and What's Not in Climate Finance*
Brian O'Hanlon, Rocky Mountain Institute
- February 18 *Venture Capital in Pursuit of Social and Environmental Gains*
Nancy Pfund, DBL Partners
- March 23 *Moving the Needle on Climate Solutions*
Bill Page, Essex Investment Management
- May 11 *Sustainable Investing: A Path to a New Horizon*
Karen Karniol-Tambour, Bridgewater Associates
- May 25 *Moving the Needle on Climate Solutions*
Bill Page, Essex Investment Management
- June 8 *ESG Investors and the COVID Overlay*
Jérôme Tagger, Preventable Surprises

2020–2021 Co-Chairs: **Mark Cox**, markcox@newenergyfundlp.com; **Dr. Bruce Kahn**, bk2501@columbia.edu

ENERGY ETHICS • 785 • Founded: 2017

The Columbia University Seminar on Energy Ethics engages leaders from economics, sustainable development, politics, climate law, environmental studies, disaster studies, international relations, geography, philosophy, ethics, theology, medicine, as well as activists, to discuss energy ethics with a multidisciplinary approach. The seminar addresses the need for a multilateral dialogue between ethicists, energy experts, and policy analysts, while engaging diverse ethical and philosophical frameworks that supply ethical principles. Energy drives what is arguably the greatest crisis of our time, climate change. Sustainable solutions to climate change depend upon effective, scalable, low or zero-carbon energy technologies and energy policies that incentivize them in a complex global system. True sustainability requires that energy technologies and energy policies are deployed with careful regard to all of the impacts, costs, benefits, and trade-offs between stakeholders, including the rights of future generations and ecosystemic health. In other words, energy decisions are profoundly ethical decisions that require the input of experts from multiple sectors.

CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Michael Gerrard**; **Professor Erin Lothes** ·
RAPPORTEUR: **Cheyn Shah**

2019–2020 MEETINGS

November 14 *Nigeria's Energy Access and Transition to Green Energy: Challenges, Opportunities, Prospects, and Ethical Considerations*
Emeka Ochu, Columbia University

2020–2021 CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Michael Gerrard**, mgerra@law.columbia.edu;
Professor Erin Lothes, erinlothesb@gmail.com

MATERIAL TEXTS • 787 • Founded: 2017

This seminar brings together from various disciplines scholars who work on the history of the book and the study of material texts in order to place the technical and bibliographical study of text objects in dialogue with cultural studies and both the textually- and the materially-oriented humanist disciplines more broadly. Over recent decades, book history has emerged as a necessarily and productively interdisciplinary field; with this in mind, this seminar focuses on the interpretation of material textual objects from an array of disciplinary perspectives. Our aim is to provide a clearinghouse for emerging methods and work, and a nexus for scholars from diverse disciplinary backgrounds to discuss and pursue shared interests in the study of the book and the material text.

CO-CHAIRS: **Alexis Hagadorn**; **Professor Joseph A. Howley** · RAPPORTEUR: **Sierra Eckert**

2019–2020 MEETINGS

- September 26 *Leopold Cicognara's and Julius von Schlosser's Italian Art Bibliographies*
Jeanne-Marie Musto, Independent Scholar
- October 24 *Littoral Language: Charles Olson's Maximus and Maps of the Gloucester Coast*
Sarah Arkebauer, Columbia University
- November 14 *Books and Butchers: Manuals for Early Kosher Meat Preparation in Early Modern Europe*
Joshua Teplitsky, State University of New York at Stony Brook
- December 10 *Slavery and the Circulation of Books in Imperial Rome*
Joseph Howley, Columbia University
- January 23 *The Books and Print Cultures of Itinerant Shi'i Astrologers*
Kristina Richardson, Queens College, City University of New York
- February 13 *Organizing People's Situations: Mehmed Ali and the First Ottoman 'Newspaper', Al-Waqa'i al-Misriyya (1828-1839)*
Kathryn Schwartz, University of Massachusetts Amherst

2020–2021 CO-CHAIRS: **Alexis Hagadorn**, ah333@columbia.edu; **Professor Hannah Weaver**, hmw2147@columbia.edu

SCIENCE AND SUBJECTIVITY • 791 • Founded: 2018

The Seminar on Science and Subjectivity was established in 2018 after a prior period of a few years as a class in the Hovde Seminar series at the Heyman center. The Seminar continues to follow the format that worked well in that earlier iteration: we all read a book in advance of the session; we all have something to say about it; then we all have dinner and continue the conversation. In future sessions we plan to invite scholars who are focused on the work we are discussing to join our discussions; otherwise we plan to remain a convivial group of interested and articulate readers willing to delve deeply into the intersection of science and individual subjective experience.

CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Peter Gruenberger**; **Professor Robert Pollack** • RAPPORTEUR: **Nataly Shahaf**

2019–2020 MEETINGS

- September 18 *Signs of Life: The Language and Meaning of DNA* by Robert Pollack
- October 16 *The Year of Magical Thinking* by Joan Didion
- November 6 *Sailor and Fiddler: Reflections of a 100-Year-Old Author* by Herman Wouk
- December 4 *Leonardo da Vinci* by Walter Isaacson
- January 29 *To the Lighthouse* by Virginia Woolf
- February 26 *The Beak of the Finch* by Jonathan Weiner
- May 20 *A Discussion of the COVID-19 Pandemic, Our First Zoom Seminar*
- June 17 *Your Duck Is My Duck* by Deborah Eisenberg

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Nancy Cantor, Rutgers University-Newark
- November 14 *Reflections on Conversation with Nancy Cantor*
- December 12 *Examining Guiding Principles that Shape Community Engagement of HEIs*
- January 30 *Assessing Impact and Mapping Presence*

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- September 26 *Readings on Sovereignism*
Steven Lukes, New York University
- October 10 *The International Impact on EU Rules and Regulations*
Anu Bradford, Columbia University
- November 21 *The Territorial Expansion of the Italian Mafias Throughout Europe: Mechanisms and Paths*
Luca Storti, University of Toronto (Canada) and the Graduate Center, City University of New York
- February 13 *Politics of Last Resort: Governing by Emergency in the European Union*
Jonathan White, London School of Economics (England, UK)
- March 5 *Liberalism's End? Populism, Authoritarianism, and the End of the American Order*
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- September 13 *Inaugural Meeting: Roundtable Discussion on the State of the Field*
- October 11 *Studies of Korea: Roundtable Discussion on New Directions, the State of the Field, and Current Issues*
- November 22 *Mr. and Mrs. Kim with the Good Hair: Decentering Whiteness in the Ethnic Hair and Beauty Supply Industry*
Jenny Wang Medina, Emory University
- February 28 *Staging Korean Diaspora: Uncharted Border and Ideological Disorientation*
Miseong Woo, Yonsei University (South Korea)

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