Abernethy explains the success of European states in building colonial empires as a result of a combination of three factors: extended geographical reach, functional specialization, and the ability of European governmental, business, and religious institutions to work in mutually reinforcing ways (American Political Science Review review). He divides the analyzed time period in five phases of change: expansion (1415-1773), contraction (1775-1824), expansion (1824-1912), instability (1914-39), and contraction (1940-80). Reviewers questioned Abernethy's thesis of the inevitability of European dominance, and criticized his narrow definition of empire as 'a relationship of domination and subordination between one polity (called the metropole) and one or more territories (called colonies) that lie outside the metropole's boundaries yet are claimed as its lawful possessions' (p. 19). However, reviewers agreed on the great contribution of this work in developing a comparison framework for the evolution of various European overseas empires.

Title: Counter-colonial criminology: a critique of imperialist reason
Author: Biko Agozino
Publisher: Pluto Press
ISBN: 978-0745318868
PITT ULS Call Number: N/A

Reviews in: (mixed reviews)


Key Terms: colonial literature, criminology, legal history

Geographical span: Africa

Chronological span: ?

Description: Agozino examines “how the history of colonialism has shaped the definition of crime and justice systems not only in former colonies but also in colonialist countries.” He draws attention to the criminologists’ silence regarding imperial criminals, and calls for a redefinition of criminality, in order to combat the persistence of colonial relations in today’s world. Moving away from using criminology as the only source for understanding colonial legal relations, Agozino uses radical postcolonial African literature to reveal the existence of world oppression.

Title: *Empires: perspectives from archaeology and history*

Author: Susan E. Alcock

Publisher: Cambridge University Press

ISBN: 978-0521770200

PITT ULS Call Number: JC359 .E46 2001


Reviews in:

Key Terms:

Geographical span:

Chronological span: ?

Description:

Title: *How Taiwan became Chinese: Dutch, Spanish, and Han colonization in the seventeenth century*

Author: Tonio Andrade

Publisher: Columbia University Press

ISBN: 978-0231128551

PITT ULS Call Number: DS799.67.A53125 2008


Reviews in:

**Key Terms:** colonial policy, cultural exchange, migration, missionaries  
**Geographical span:** Taiwan  
**Chronological span:** 17th century (1624-1662)  
**Description:** By focusing on this unusual case of Chinese overseas colonialism in Taiwan, Andrade argues that one of the main reasons for European colonial empires’ success in expansion is Asian states’ general disinterest in similar projects. Andrade’s concept of co-colonization “stresses the joint efforts of Dutch colonizers and Chinese elites in enticing Han Chinese people to settle in Taiwan during the seventeenth century in order to enhance the exploitation of Taiwan’s natural resources” (International Journal of Asian Studies review).

**Title:** Imperial ecology: environmental order in the British Empire, 1895-1945  
**Author:** Peder Anker  
**Publisher:** Harvard University Press  
**ISBN:** 978-0674005952  
**PITT ULS Call Number:** GF551 .A65 2001  
**Citation:** Anker, Peder. *Imperial ecology: environmental order in the British Empire, 1895-1945*. Cambridge, Mass: Harvard University Press, 2001.  
**Reviews in:**  
*Isis*, vol. 96, no. 3 (September 2005): 443.  
**Key Terms:** environmental history, intellectual history, science studies  
**Geographical span:** Britain, South Africa  
**Chronological span:** 20th century (interwar period)  
**Description:** At a time when the British Empire was focusing more on consolidation than expansion, resource management proved essential. This book focuses on the debate between a mechanistic approach to ecology developed in England and a holistic approach to ecology developed in South Africa, and their confrontation during the interwar period. Anker traces the “historical dynamics of the human relationship with nature and the naturalization of politics…through a study of the evolution of the science of ecology in Britain and South Africa” (The British Journal for the History of Science review).

**Title:** The British Atlantic world, 1500-1800  
**Author:** David Armitage, M. J. Braddick  
**Publisher:** Palgrave Macmillan  
**ISBN:** 978-0333963401  
**PITT ULS Call Number:** E18.82 .B75 2002

Reviews in:

Key Terms:

Geographical span:

Chronological span:

Description:

Title: The ideological origins of the British Empire
Author: David Armitage
Publisher: Cambridge University Press
ISBN: 978-0521590815
PITT ULS Call Number: JV1011.A75 2000


Reviews in:

Key Terms:

Geographical span:

Chronological span:

Description:

Title: Theories of empire, 1450-1800
Author: David Armitage
Publisher: Ashgate
ISBN: 978-0860785163
PITT ULS Call Number: D210 T45 1998


Reviews in:

Title: Britain, the empire, and the world at the Great Exhibition of 1851
Author: Jeffrey A. Auerbach
Publisher: Ashgate Pub. Company
ISBN: 978-0754662419
PITT ULS Call Number: N/A


Reviews in:


Key Terms: Cultural Politics, National Identity, Racial Othering, Victorianism

Geographical span:

Chronological span: 19th century (1851)

Description: This collection of essays presents the Crystal Palace Exhibition as a global and not just a British event, the “moment when the British collected, represented, and displayed their
own understandings of their role as an expanding world power.” (Victorian Studies review). The first part of the volume examines representations of British colonial dominions (Ireland, Australia, New Zealand), while the second part focuses on responses to the displays of other nations, such as Russia, Greece, and Germany. Reviewers criticized the collection for not paying enough attention to the United States imperial project and for having no conclusion to bring all the essays together.

Title: The politics of anti-Westernism in Asia: visions of world order in pan-Islamic and pan-Asian thought
Author: Cemil Aydin
Publisher: Columbia University Press
ISBN: 978-0231137782
PITT ULS Call Number: DS35.7.A95 2007
Key Terms: cultural construct, de-colonization, intellectual history
Geographical span: 1840-1945
Chronological span: 1840-1945
Description: Aydin traces the rise and development of pan-Asian and pan-Islamic ideas in Japan and the Ottoman Empire, and describes the complexity of responses Western values triggered. While previous works had underlined the hostile dimension of non-Western ideological movements to Western values, Aydin presents a balanced account. He shows that Asian intellectuals admired the values of the Enlightenment but also noticed that the West’s imperial and racial practices contradicted the Enlightenment’s ideals (Ethics & International Affairs review). Therefore, one should understand that “the Ottoman turn to pan-Islamism was partly a result of the failure of Eurocentric international society, which had pushed . . . [the Ottomans] to formulate a radical alternative” (p. 111). Reviewers criticized the lack of attention to theoretical issues, and considered necessary a discussion of the relationship between the newly emerging nationalist movements and pan-Islamism/pan-Asianism.

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Title: Bodies in contact: rethinking colonial encounters in world history
Author: Tony Ballantyne, Antoinette M. Burton
Publisher: Duke University Press
ISBN: 978-0822334675
PITT ULS Call Number: GT495.B62 2005
**Key Terms:** gender, race

**Geographical span:** World

**Chronological span:** 16th-20th century

**Description:** The aim of this collective volume is to bring the study of women and gender into world history, by studying colonial “empires as gendered projects” (p. 13). The two declared goals of the authors are to “emphasize the centrality of bodies—raced, sexed, classed, and racialized bodies—as sites through which imperial and colonial power was imagined and exercised,” and to “focus on the material effects of geopolitical systems in everyday spaces, family life, and on-the-ground cultural encounters” (p. 6). Most essays focus on encounters between two or more cultures in order to analyze the encounters” impact on gender relations and attitudes (Ethnohistory review). This collection exemplifies how empires promoted strict gendered and racial ideologies.

**Title:** Science, empire and the European exploration of the Pacific

**Author:** Tony Ballantyne

**Publisher:** Ashgate

**ISBN:** 978-0754635628

**PITT ULS Call Number:** DU28.11.S34 2004

**PITT ULS Call Number:** JV1816 .B35 2002

**Citation:** Banks, Kenneth J. *Chasing empire across the sea: communications and the state in the French Atlantic, 1713-1763.* Montreal: McGill-Queen's University Press, 2002.

**Reviews in:**

**Key Terms:** Atlantic history, commercial networks, communication networks, state building

**Geographical span:** French Atlantic

**Chronological span:** 18th century (1713-1763)

**Description:**
Banks argues that communications represented an essential component of imperial control, and illustrates his thesis by examining the French metropolis’ communication network with the settlements at Quebec, New Orleans, and Saint Pierre, Martinique. However, even though colonial officials in the New World had regular contact with ministers in Paris, they did not always act like they should have (Canadian Historical Review review). While 18th century France was a very authoritarian state, France’s “far-flung colonial possessions offered too many challenges to the state and its control over communications” (p. 218).

**Title:** Possessing the Pacific: land, settlers, and indigenous people from Australia to Alaska

**Author:** Stuart Banner

**Publisher:** Harvard University Press

**ISBN:** 978-0674026124

**PITT ULS Call Number:** N/A

**Citation:** Banner, Stuart. *Possessing the Pacific: land, settlers, and indigenous people from Australia to Alaska.* Cambridge, Mass: Harvard University Press, 2007.

**Reviews in:**
- *Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History*, vol. 36, no. 2 (June 2008): 315.

**Key Terms:** Legal History

**Geographical span:** American and British Pacific World

**Chronological span:** 19th century
Description: This book is a “comparative perspective on the process of land transfer between indigenous people and whites.” (p. 4) Banner explores the various ways native land alienation occurred in the 19th century in the American colonies of California, the Pacific Northwest, Hawai‘i, Alaska, and the British colonies or protectorates of Australia, New Zealand, British Columbia, Fiji, Tonga. This author identifies three main attitudes the colonizers adopted regarding the indigenous peoples’ ownership rights: the doctrine of *terra nullius* (land owned by no one, because the natives were not practicing agriculture), land bought from the natives, or indigenous ownership. The legal questions regarding the process of land acquisition in the Pacific helps understand contemporary struggles to reclaim indigenous land. The book has been criticized for lacking “engagement with the racial theories which foregrounded these discourses” of land acquisition (The Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History review).

Title: Empire of difference: the Ottomans in comparative perspective
Author: Karen Barkey
Publisher: Cambridge University Press
ISBN: 978-0521887403
PITT ULS Call Number: DR531 .B37 2008

Reviews in:

Key Terms: administrative history, state building

Geographical span: the Ottoman Empire

Chronological span: 14th–20th century

Description: In this book, Barkey argues that the architecture of the Ottoman Empire is a “hub-and-spoke structure of state-periphery relations,” and she offers comparisons with the Byzantine, Habsburg, Russian to further support her assertion that empires are “negotiated enterprises.” The main limitation of this work is Barkey’s lack of primary sources; the sociologist bases her study exclusively on secondary material.

Title: Empires of the Silk Road: a history of Central Eurasia from the Bronze Age to the present
Author: Christopher I. Beckwith
Publisher: Princeton University Press
ISBN: 978-0691135892
PITT ULS Call Number: DS329.4 .B43 2009 (Hillman Library, Johnstown Campus Library)
Citation: Beckwith, Christopher I. *Empires of the Silk Road: a history of Central Eurasia from the Bronze Age to the present*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2009.

Reviews in:
*Journal of Asian Studies*, vol. 69, no. 2 (2010): 582.
In his survey of 5,000 years of Central Eurasian history Beckwith examines the interactions between center (Central Eurasia) and its peripheries, and argues against the stereotype that labels Central Eurasian peoples as “barbarians.” On the contrary, Beckwith considers these “barbarians” the main traders and protectors of trade along the Silk Road, responsible for far-reaching economic and cultural exchanges. He introduces the concept of “Central Eurasian Culture Complex” and defines as its central feature the comitatus, “a political system in which a group of warriors pledged their undying loyalty to their leader” (American Historical Review review). Most of the material reward expected by the group of warriors from their leader did not come from warfare or tribute, but from trade, the driving force of Central Eurasian economy.

Beckwith identifies three main stable periods in Central Eurasian history:

1. from about the 3rd century BC to the 3rd century AD, when the main Central Eurasian powers were the Parthians, the Tokharians, and the Kushan Empire;
2. mid-6th century to mid-8th century, the time of the Turkic conquests and rule, and the rise of the Tibetan Empire;
3. mid-15th century to late-17th century, when the Ottoman Turks conquered Byzantium, the Safavid Turks controlled Iran and Iraq, the Mughals conquered northern India and Afghanistan, the Junghars dominated the steppes, and the Manchus conquered China (Policy Review review).

Title: A search for sovereignty: law and geography in European Empires, 1400--1900
Author: Lauren A. Benton
Publisher: Cambridge University Press
ISBN: 978-0521881050

Reviews in: -

Key Terms: colonial administration, historical geography, legal history
Geographical span: British and Spanish colonial empires
Chronological span: 15th-16th century (1400-1900)
Description: This collection of studies explores various associations between geography and law, arguing against the assumption that “empires and states aspired to establish political and legal control over discrete, bounded territories” (p. xi) Although colonial powers shared a common European legal repertoire, the extension of this European law across oceans did not go unchallenged by local conditions. Furthermore, interimperial conflicts outside Europe encouraged “an emphasis on symbolic demonstrations of power and authority rather than the control of borders and the creation of institutions evenly distributed across space” (p. 281). These interactions between metropolis and colonies, and also among various imperial centers impacted the nature of international law. In her case studies, Benton shows how geographic tropes (such
as rivers, sea lanes, islands, hill regions) carried associations of particular patterns of law extension.

**Title:** Law and colonial cultures: legal regimes in world history, 1400-1900  
**Author:** Lauren Benton  
**Publisher:** Cambridge University Press  
**ISBN:** 978-0521804141  
**PITT ULS Call Number:** KZ1242 .B46 2002  
**Citation:** Benton, Lauren A. Law and colonial cultures: legal regimes in world history, 1400-1900. Studies in comparative world history. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 2002.

**Reviews in:**  
Round Table, vol. 92, no. 372 (October 2003): 708.  

**Key Terms:** cultural exchange, legal history  
**Geographical span:** world  
**Chronological span:** 15th-19th century (1400-1900)

**Description:** In this book Benton traces the shift from legal pluralism to state-dominated law. While in the 15th-16th centuries, the Americas, Africa, the Indian Ocean, and Europe were dominated by a legal regime based on a mutual recognition of distinct spheres of judicial authority, by 19th century, legal jurisdictions became structured under centralized colonial states (Journal of World History review). Through various examples - Spain after the reconquest, mid-19th century Uruguay, the Ottoman Empire, Mexico, British Bengal, French West Africa, Goa, the Cape and New South Wales - Benton demonstrates that this process of centralization was driven by local struggles over authority and property. Legal life in colonies was shaped by more than the colonizers’ conception of law; the inability of the metropolis to impose its legal relations across the oceans motivated long-term legal change at a world-scale.

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**Title:** New frontiers: imperialism's new communities in East Asia, 1842-1953  
**Author:** Robert A. Bickers  
**Publisher:** Manchester University Press  
**ISBN:** 978-0719056048  
**PITT ULS Call Number:** DS736 .N47 2000v  

**Reviews in:**  
Pacific Affairs, vol. 74, no. 3 (Fall 2001): 413.

Key Terms: social history, urban history

Geographical span: treaty-ports in China and Korea
Chronological span: 1842-1953

Description: This book includes twelve case studies of foreign communities in East Asia, such as Baghdadi Jews, Parsis, Sikhs, White Russian and Jewish refugees, and working-class Scottish policemen. While eleven studies focus on diasporic communities in China, especially in Shanghai, one chapter analyzes Korea. The experiences of these foreigners offer new insight into the functioning mechanisms of informal empires, political structures centered on the Treaty Ports, where international residents enjoyed extra-territorial legal rights. The essays include: discussions of Japanese and Jewish communities in Harbin, the Baghdadi Jewish community in Shanghai, the Japanese communities in Korea and other social groups. These case-studies confirm that “migration during the colonial epoch was multilateral, not bilateral, with migrants often coming to east Asia from other colonial territories, such as India, Taiwan, and Korea. This demographic pattern contributed to a complex matrix of identities and thus structures of imperial control. In most cities, migrants formed separate, culturally insular communities and they held multi-tiered identities, which could combine feelings of 'national', 'imperial', 'ethnic', and 'subaltern' belonging, with family, gender, and occupational ties” (Economic History Review review). Reviewers criticized the editors of the volume for neglecting the treaty ports and settlements in Japan, the overseas Chinese communities, and the French colonial communities.

Title: The British seaborne empire
Author: Jeremy Black
Publisher: Yale University Press
ISBN: 978-0300103861

PITT ULS Call Number: DA16 .B58 2004 (Hillman Library, Greensburg Campus Library)


Reviews in:
Itinerario, vol. 29, no. 3 (2005): 156.

Key Terms: foreign policy, warfare

Geographical span: British empire
Chronological span: 1st-21st century

Description: Black states that the sea and naval power were central to Britain’s rise to global dominance, and tries “to throw light on the British, the people with whom they came into
contact, the process of imperial expansion and the way in which empire was understood” (p. x). This ambitious book opens with an introduction examining the relationship between Europe and the oceans, continues with a chapter on the origins of empire focused on the Roman Empire, then examines the periods 1650-1750, 1750-1815, 1815-1901, and four other consecutive periods in the 20th-early 21st centuries. Reviewers criticized Black for offering no new insight into the history of empires, and for being just an impressive collage of already-known information.

Title: Violence over the land: Indians and empires in the early American West
Author: Ned Blackhawk
Publisher: Harvard University Press
ISBN: 978-0674022904
PITT ULS Call Number: E78.G67 B53 2006 (Hillman Library, Johnstown Campus Library)
Reviews in: Itinerario

Title: The empire of the Raj: India, Eastern Africa and the Middle East, 1858-1947
Author: Robert J. Blyth
Publisher: Palgrave Macmillan
ISBN: 978-0333914755
PITT ULS Call Number: N/A
Key Terms: administrative history, diplomatic history, nationalism
Geographical span: Western Indian Ocean (Zanzibar, Aden, Oman, and the Persian Gulf)
Chronological span: 19th-20th century (1850-1948)
Description: The book examines the Indian subimperial sphere in the western Indian Ocean, and the interaction between British imperial authorities and the Government of Bombay’s representatives. Blyth argues that the Indian authorities’ governance of the western Indian Ocean was constrained by London and not by the needs of its own subjects. Despite London’s authority, “the fragmented nature of British rule caused a creeping paralysis that foretold” the end of the British Empire.

Title: The empire of Cnut the Great: conquest and the consolidation of power in Northern Europe in the early eleventh century
Author: Timothy Bolton
Publisher: Brill
ISBN: 978-9004166707
PITT ULS Call Number: N/A
Citation: Bolton, Timothy. The empire of Cnut the Great: conquest and the consolidation of power in Northern Europe in the early eleventh century. Leiden: Brill, 2009.

Reviews in: -

Key Terms: kings and rulers
Geographical span: England and Scandinavia
Chronological span: 11th century

Description: This book traces the rise of Cnut the Great’s empire, and casts “new light on our understanding of the nature of this political unit and contemporary figures' conceptions of it” (Brill’s Website).

Title: L'esprit économique impérial, 1830-1970: groupes de pression & réseaux du patronat colonial en France & dans l'empire
Author: Hubert Bonin, Catherine Hodeir, Jean- François Klein
Publisher: Publications de la SFHOM
ISBN: 978-2859700379
PITT ULS Call Number: N/A


Reviews in: (very good reviews)

Key Terms: commercial networks
Geographical span: the French colonial empire
Chronological span: 19th-20th century (1830-1970)

Description: The studies contained in this volume contribute to the rediscovery of the economics of empire, with a particular focus on commercial networks. The work examines the patronage network on four levels: at the heart of the political system, within various regions in France, the Parisian financial market, and various places overseas. This collection shows “the benefits of a discussion of colonialism that moves away from overarching theories to specific examples, and from focus on great entities such as the state and capitalism (in a systemic sense) to attempts to trace and decipher the complex arterial and capillary networks that established themselves in the colonies” (Journal of Global History review).

Title: A hundred horizons: the Indian Ocean in the age of global empire
Author: Sugata Bose
Publisher: Harvard University Press
ISBN: 978-0674032194


Reviews in: World History Journal
ISBN: 978-0307268297
PITT ULS Call Number: DA16 .B675 2008 (Bradford Campus Library, Johnstown Campus Library)
Reviews in:

Title: The troubled empire: China in the Yuan and Ming dynasties
Author: Timothy Brook
Publisher: Belknap Press of Harvard University Press
ISBN: 978-0674046023
PITT ULS Call Number: DS752.3 .B76 2010 (Hillman Library, Johnstown Campus Library)
Reviews in:

Title: Empires in world history: power and the politics of difference
Author: Jane Burbank, Frederick Cooper
Publisher: Princeton University Press
ISBN: 978-0691127088
PITT ULS Call Number: D32 .B94 2010
Reviews in:

Title: Administrators of empire
Author: Mark A. Burkholder
Publisher: Ashgate
ISBN: 978-0860785279
PITT ULS Call Number: JV412 A35 1998
Reviews in:

Title: The state of the American empire: how the USA shapes the world
Author: Stephen Burman
Publisher: University of California Press
ISBN: 978-0520248779
PITT ULS Call Number: E183.7 .B87 2007
Reviews in:

Title: British imperialism, 1688-2000
Author: P. J. Cain, A. G. Hopkins
Description: This second edition of a 1993 published work offers a comprehensive image of British colonial enterprises by focusing on the commercial and financial segments. The authors argue that Britain’s overseas expansion was determined by the particular “economic development, centered upon finance and commercial services, which was set in train at the close of the seventeenth century and survived to the end of empire and indeed beyond” (p. 648). Therefore, in order to understand the evolution and success of the British presence in India, Canada, Australia, Africa, the Ottoman Empire, Persia, China, and South America, the understanding the development of the commercial and financial sectors proves essential.

Title: Ornamentalism: how the British saw their empire
Author: David Cannadine
Publisher: Oxford University Press
ISBN: 978-0195146608
PITT ULS Call Number: DA16 .C28 2001 (Hillman Library, Greensburg Campus Library)
Reviews in: World History Journal, Itinerario

Title: Empires of religion
Author: Hilary M. Carey
Publisher: Palgrave Macmillan
ISBN: 978-0230208803
PITT ULS Call Number: BR115.P7 E57 2008
Reviews in:

Title: Captives: Britain, Empire and the world, 1600-1850
Author: Linda Colley
Publisher: J. Cape
ISBN: 978-0224059251
PITT ULS Call Number: DA16 .C65 2003
Citation: Colley, Linda. Captives: Britain, Empire and the world, 1600-1850. London: J. Cape, 2002.
Reviews in: Itinerario
Title: From Arabian tribes to Islamic empire: army, state and society in the Near East c.600-850
Author: Patricia Crone
Publisher: Ashgate
ISBN: 978-0754659259
PITT ULS Call Number: N/A
Citation: Crone, Patricia. From Arabian tribes to Islamic empire: army, state and society in the Near East c.600-850. Aldershot [England]: Ashgate, 2008.
Reviews in: (good reviews)
Key Terms: state building
Geographical span: Near East
Chronological span: 7th-9th century (600-850)
Description: This collection of studies on the development of early Muslim society argues that the Islamic state did not represent a final stage in an evolution from bands to chiefdoms to tribes, but a “distinct form of social organization that grew out of a non-tribal environment,” representing therefore a new pattern of sociopolitical organization (Journal of Islamic Studies review). The rapid expansion of the Muslim Empire led to the ascension of the military in society. Crone argues that the relationship between the military and society was bidirectional; therefore, the military generated practices and values which impacted society.

Title: Empire at the margins: culture, ethnicity, and frontier in early modern China
Author: Pamela Kyle Crossley, Helen F. Siu, Donald S. Sutton
Publisher: University of California Press
ISBN: 978-0520230156
PITT ULS Call Number: DS730 .E67 2006
Reviews in:
Key Terms:
Geographical span:
Chronological span:
Description:

Title: Dominion from sea to sea: Pacific ascendancy and American power
Author: Bruce Cumings
Publisher: Yale University Press
ISBN: 978-0300111880
PITT ULS Call Number: F851 .C94 2009 (Johnstown Campus Library)
Title: The garden of the eight paradises: Bābur and the culture of Empire in Central Asia, Afghanistan and India (1483-1530)
Author: Stephen Frederic Dale
Publisher: Brill
ISBN: 978-9004137073
PITT ULS Call Number: N/A
Citation: Dale, Stephen Frederic. *The garden of the eight paradises: Bābur and the culture of Empire in Central Asia, Afghanistan and India (1483-1530)*. Leiden: Brill, 2004.
Reviews in:
*Journal of Asian Studies*, vol. 64, no. 2 (May 2005): 491.
Key Terms: kings and rulers
Geographical span: Central Asia and India
Chronological span: 15th-16th century (1483-1530)
Description: Dale analyzes the biography of Zahir al-Din Muhammad Bābur in order to “appreciate and comment on his selfpresentation, that is to critique his autobiographical intent” (p. 11) while interpreting its social, political, and cultural implications within an appropriate historical context (The Journal of Asian Studies review). Reviewers criticized the book’s organization and intertwining of chapters dealing with Bābur’s autobiography, cultural personality, poetry, Indian gazetteer, and context-based parts tracing Bābur’s political career in Central Asia, Afghan, and India. However, Dale’s efforts to contextualize Bābur’s life and to understand the Islamic world in its own cultural and historic terms are to be commended.

Title: After Tamerlane: the global history of empire since 1405
Author: John Darwin
Publisher: Bloomsbury Press
ISBN: 978-1596913936
PITT ULS Call Number: D210 .D28 2008 (Johnstown Campus Library)
Reviews in:

Title: The empire project: the rise and fall of the British world-system, 1830-1970
Author: John Darwin
Publisher: Cambridge University Press
ISBN: 978-0521302081
PITT ULS Call Number: DA16 .D296 2009
Reviews in: Journal of Global History
Title: Conquest: how societies overwhelm others
Author: David Day
Publisher: Oxford University Press
ISBN: 978-0199239344
PITT ULS Call Number: JC323 .D39 2008
Reviews in:

Title: Rome and Persia in late antiquity: neighbours and rivals
Author: Beate Dignas, Engelbert Winter
Publisher: Cambridge University Press
ISBN: 978-0521849258
PITT ULS Call Number: N/A
Reviews in:

Title: Empires of the Atlantic world: Britain and Spain in America, 1492-1830
Author: John Huxtable Elliott
Publisher: Yale University Press
ISBN: 978-0300114317
PITT ULS Call Number: E18.82 .E44 2006 (Hillman Library, Greensburg Campus Library, Johnstown Campus Library)
Reviews in: Itinerario

Title: Roman imperialism
Author: Andrew Erskine
Publisher: Edinburgh University Press
ISBN: 978-0748619627
PITT ULS Call Number: N/A
Reviews in:

Key Terms:
Geographical span: Roman Empire
Chronological span:
Description: “Andrew Erskine follows the course and character of Roman expansion during the Republic and Early Empire. He concentrates on the impact of Roman rule on the subject and the effect of empire on imperial power, topics that have long been controversial among modern scholars. Views on Roman imperialism have traditionally been informed by contemporary perceptions of international power relations—and one reason students engage with the subject so readily‖ (Book jacket).
Title: Empires and boundaries: rethinking race, class, and gender in colonial settings
Author: Harald Fischer-Tiné, Susanne Gehrmann
Publisher: Routledge
ISBN: 978-0415962391
PITT ULS Call Number: DA16 .F47 2003
Reviews in:

Title: Mimesis and empire: the new world, Islam, and European identities
Author: Barbara Fuchs
Publisher: Cambridge University Press
ISBN: 978-0521801027
PITT ULS Call Number: PQ6066 .F83 2001
Reviews in: Itinerario

Title: The Ottoman Empire and early modern Europe
Author: Daniel Goffman
Publisher: Cambridge University Press
ISBN: 978-0521452809
PITT ULS Call Number: DR486 .G62 2002
Citation: Goffman, Daniel. The Ottoman Empire and early modern Europe. New approaches to European history, 24. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2002.
Reviews in: Itinerario

Title: How Rome fell: death of a superpower
Author: Adrian Keith Goldsworthy
Publisher: Yale University Press
ISBN: 978-0300137194
PITT ULS Call Number: DG311 .G65 2009
Reviews in:

Title: Imperial citizenship: empire and the question of belonging
Author: Daniel Gorman
Publisher: Manchester University Press
ISBN: 978-0719075292
PITT ULS Call Number: JF801 .G67 2006
Reviews in:

Title: Beyond sovereignty: Britain, empire, and transnationalism, c. 1880-1950
Author: Kevin Grant, Philippa Levine, Frank Trentmann
Publisher: Palgrave Macmillan
ISBN: 978-1403986436
PITT ULS Call Number: DA16 .B556 2007
Reviews in: Journal of Global History

Title: First globalization: the Eurasian exchange, 1500-1800
Author: Geoffrey C. Gunn
Publisher: Rowman & Littlefield
ISBN: 978-0742526617
PITT ULS Call Number: CB251 .G87 2003
Reviews in:
Key Terms:
Geographical span:
Chronological span:
Description:

Title: The open empire: a history of China to 1600
Author: Valerie Hansen
Publisher: Norton
ISBN: 978-0393973747
PITT ULS Call Number: DS735 .H25 2000
Citation: Hansen, Valerie. The open empire: a history of China to 1600. New York: Norton, 2000.
Reviews in:

Title: Empire
Author: Michael Hardt, Antonio Negri
Publisher: Harvard University Press
ISBN: 978-0674251212
Title: Comparing empires: European colonialism from Portuguese expansion to the Spanish-American War
Author: Jonathan Locke Hart
Publisher: Palgrave Macmillan
ISBN: 978-1403961884
PITT ULS Call Number: JV105 .H33 2003
Reviews in: Itinerario

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