THE CORRUPT COLONY?

EMPIRE, COLONIALISM AND CORRUPTION: 1800-PRESENT

TUESDAY JANUARY 22ND 2019
09:00-18:30 hrs
MAIN BUILDING VU, DE BOELELAAN
1105, AMSTERDAM,
CHURCH HALL (‘KERKZAAL’/
ROOM 16A-00) 16TH FLOOR

Listeners are welcome to join and won’t be charged anything (lunch is included). However, places are limited and registration is mandatory. Send an email to Floris van Berckel Smit to register (f.j.n.van.berckelsmit@vu.nl).
09h00  Room open
09h15 Welcome by the organisers
   Ronald Kroeze, Pol Dalmau and Frédéric Monier
09h25 Keynote Lecture
   Bartolomé Yun (Universidad Pablo de Olavide)
   ‘The Early Modern Spanish Empire and the History of Corruption’
10h15 Coffee break
10h30  SESSION 1: Corruption and the Spanish Empire
   Chair: Frédéric Monier (Université d’Avignon)
   10h30  Xavier Huetz de Lemps (Université de Nice-Sophia Antipolis)
          ‘The entrenchment of corruption in a colonial context: the case of the Philippines (1800-present)’
   10h45 Gemma Rubí (PICEC-UAB)
          ‘Corruption in Cuba: Víctor Balaguer, a minister determined to fight it (1886-1888)’
   11h00 Discussion
   11h30 Pol Dalmau (Leibniz Institute of European History)
          ‘A rotten empire? Fraud and immorality in the ‘Pearl of the Antilles’
   11h45 Moisés Prieto (University of Bern)
          ‘Corrupt and rapacious: Colonial Spanish-American past through the eyes of early nineteenth-century foreign travellers’
   12h00 Discussion
   12h30 Lunch
13h30  SESSION 2: Corruption and French, British and Dutch Empires
   Chair: Pol Dalmau (Leibniz Institute of European History)
   13h30 Anubha Anushree (Stanford University)
          ‘Corruption in British South Asia’
   13h45 Jonathan Saha (University of Leeds)
          ‘(Un)licensed to Kill: Paperwork as a Commodity in Colonial Burma’
   14h00 discussion
   14h30 Ronald Kroeze (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam) & Susan Legêne (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam)
          ‘Corruption and difference in colonial and postcolonial histories: the case of the Netherlands-Indonesian relationship’
   14h45 Didier Guignard (IREMAM-CNRS)
          ‘Land, state and corruption in Colonial Algeria. A case study’
   15h00 Discussion
   15h30 Coffee
16h00  SESSION 3: Nationalism, fascism and colonial corruption
   Chair: Jens Ivo Engels (Technische Universität Darmstadt)
   16h00 Tanja Bührer (University of Bern)
          ‘Colonial Corruption and National State Building: An Entangled History of the French and British “Imperial Nation States” in the Age of Revolutions, c. 1770-1840’
   16h15 Sylvia Marton (University of Bucharest) & Andrei Sorescu (University College London)
          ‘Anti-Semitism, Corruption, and the Colonial Imaginary in Nineteenth-Century Romania’
   16h30 Discussion
   17h00 Raul Carstocea (Europa-Universität Flensburg)
          ‘Corruption, Colonial Anxieties and Internal Colonialism: Anti-Semitism as a Proxy in the Ideology of the Fascist Movement in Interwar Romania’
   17h15 Pablo del Hierro (Maastricht University)
          ‘Fascism, Empire and Corruption: The Banca Nazionale del Lavoro and its Activities in Spain, 1941-1946’
   17h30 Discussion
   18h00 Conclusions
   18h30 Closure
   Ronald Kroeze (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam)