Conference: ‘The Corrupt Colony?
Empire, Colonialism and Corruption: 1800-present’

Programme

January 22 - Amsterdam
The Corrupt Colony?
**Time and Location**  
Tuesday January 22nd 2019, 9h00-18h30  
Church Hall ('Kerkzaal'/ room 16A00) 16th floor main building Vrije Universiteit  
Amsterdam; De Boelelaan 1105, 1081 HV Amsterdam

**Programme**

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 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  
Frédéric Monier (Université d’Avignon)

18h30 Closure  
Ronald Kroeze (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam)

19h00  
Dinner (location to be announced)

**Instructions for chairs of sessions and presenters of papers**

**Chairs** of sessions will briefly introduce the contributors and guide the discussion

**Contributors** have max 15 minutes to present their paper; after two presentations there is room for questions and discussion (max 30 minutes for two papers); desktop/laptop and power point are available.