Topics in French Cultural History: Colonialism and Immigration

This course examines the history of French imperialism and colonialism over the broad sweep of the modern period. It considers the affects of imperialism and colonialism on both the colonies themselves and mainland France. The waves of immigration to France from Asia and Africa form a major, but hardly exclusive, part of the empire’s affects on European France.

In addition to the weekly readings, assignments will include one analytical book review and a paper of about 20 pages.

Week I. Introduction to the Course

Week II. Theoretical Perspectives on Colonialism

Frederick Cooper, *Colonialism in Question: Theory, Knowledge, History*, California, 2005
Jennifer Pitts, *A Turn to Empire: The Rise of Imperial Liberalism in Britain and France*, Princeton 2006

Week III. Caribbean Slavery and the Haitian Revolution


Week IV. Conquest and Colonialism in Algeria


Week V. Algerians and Pieds Noirs

Week VI. The Civilizing Mission


Week VII. The Missionary Empire


Week VIII. The Culture of Colonialism in France


Week IX. Advertising the Empire


Week X. Empire and Immigration


Week XI. Vichy and the Empire


Week XII. Intellectuals and the Algerian War

Albert Camus, *Resistance, Rebellion, and Death*
Week XIII. The Algerian War as Global Event


Week XIV. Decolonization