

Letter from the Editors

This special issue of *Itinerario* celebrates the thirtieth anniversary of our journal and event that was marked by and coincided with the international, interdisciplinary conference, 'Culture and Commerce in the Indian Ocean', hosted at Leiden University, September 25-27, 2006, and co-sponsored by the University of Technology in Sydney, Australia.

This number opens with an interview by Damian Pargas of Pieter Emmer (Leiden University), a leading expert on the history of European expansion and migration history in the Atlantic world, who has been intimately involved with *Itinerario* from its very inception. The origins of the Forum 'Colliding Geographies and the Dilemma of Imperial Authority' can be traced back to a panel at the 120th Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association in Philadelphia in January 2006. Preceded by a note from the guest editor, Linda M. Rupert (University of North Carolina at Greensboro), the forum consists of five contributions: Jennifer L. Anderson (New York University) explores the environmental realities and problems of imperial authority in the Bay of Honduras; Lauren Benton (New York University) discuss the spatial histories of empire; Lisa Ford (Columbia University) investigates empire and order on the colonial frontiers of Georgia and New South Wales; Matthew S. Hopper (University of California, Los Angeles) surveys imperialism and the dilemma of slavery in eastern Arabia and the Persian Gulf between 1873 and 1939; and Linda Rupert concludes with an investigation of contraband trade and the shaping of colonial societies in Curaçao and the Tierra Firme.

The Editors would like to thank Markus Vink (State University of New York at Fredonia) for arranging the book reviews and review articles. The two review articles in this issue are: Ronald Jay Morgan (Abilene Christian University-in-Oxford), 'How The Other Half Actually Lives: More Historical Perspectives On Non-Elite Religious and Political Culture in Colonial Mexico'; and Matthew J. Shaw (The British Library), 'Slave Revolts in the Revolutionary Caribbean and the Atlantic World'.

We would also like to use this opportunity to thank our readers and contributors for their continued support of and submissions to *Itinerario* throughout these past three decades. We hope that we can count on your continued support and urge you to encourage others to join as members and contributors. We look forward to providing this unique platform for the foreseeable and more distant future.

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FIFTH GALWAY CONFERENCE ON COLONIALISM: SETTLER COLONIALISM

Centre for Irish Studies, National University of Ireland, Galway

27-30 June 2007

Settler colonisers come to stay. They seek to replace native peoples on – or, at least, displace them from – their land. Characteristically, the outcome is a conflictual coexistence through which indigenous and invasive societies historically transform one another. In addition to the classic sites of European settler colonialism (Ireland, the Americas, Africa, Australasia), settler colonialism structures relationships as historically and culturally diverse as those between Israelis and Palestinians, Japanese and Ainu, Chinese and Tibetans, Indonesians and Papuans, ‘Americans’ and Hawaiians, Tswana and Khoi-san.

We invite conceptual, comparative, transnational, or locally focused contributions to a wide-ranging interdisciplinary discussion of settler colonialism and indigenous alternatives, past and present. Thematically, papers might address issues such as: native resistance and survival; cultural adaptation and renaissance; invasions and frontiers; sovereignties (titles, treaties, *terra nullius*, etc.); middle grounds, interludes, spaces of mutuality; internal colonisation; assimilation; race and place (the Pale, reservations, urban zoning, segregation, etc.); settler colonialism and the question of genocide; reparation and reconciliation; diaspora/exile; indigenous people and multiculturalism; settler and indigenous literature; gender; social class; religion; political economy, economics, and colonisation.

A central part of the Conference will be devoted to Ireland which was unusually both a site and a source of settler colonialism. Issues addressed might include: Ireland as settler colony; the ‘Plantations’; Ireland as ‘mother country’; the Irish as random emigrants or systematic colonisers; missions and Ireland’s ‘spiritual empire’.

Papers should be no longer than 20 minutes. Please send an abstract, of not more than 300 words, to: irishstudies@nuigalway.ie before **1 February 2007**.

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