

# IMPERIAL ENTANGLEMENTS

Latecomer Colonial Empires  
and the “Politics of Comparison”  
(1880s-1940s)

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«Imperial Entanglements» investigates four cases of latecomer imperialism, namely those of Germany, Italy, Belgium, and Japan. Each of these countries entered the phase of colonial expansion only in the late nineteenth century. Because of this delayed inception, when their power elites and experts shaped new structures of imperial rule, they had to consider existing models of imperial rule and colonial administration, as previously established by other powers. In pursuit of original visions of their imperial project, they critically engaged with the existing models, adopting, refashioning, or rejecting their constituent features. Imperial Entanglements is a project based on the collaboration between scholars from three different Italian universities.



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settler  
colonialism  
as a model  
a transimperial  
perspective



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# 23 MAY

**SCUOLA SUPERIORE MERIDIONALE,  
LARGO SAN MARCELLINO 10, ROOM  
3 (3RD FLOOR)**

15:00

**Gia Caglioti** Università di Napoli Federico II - PhD in Global History and Governance, SSM  
Welcome Address

**Olindo De Napoli and Paolo Fonzi**  
Università di Napoli Federico II  
Opening Remarks

## Session 1

**Thaïs Gendry** Scuola Superiore Meridionale, chair

**Charlotte Legg** University of London  
*Settler Colonialism and the Sea: Affect and Aspiration between the British and French Colonial Empires*

16:30: coffee break

**James Belich** University of Oxford  
*Settler Colonialism and the Latecomer Empires*

**Patrick Bernhard** Universitetet i Oslo  
*Libya, Mussolini and the "White Race": Fascism's Colonialism and its Imprint on the British Empire and its Dominions*

# 24 MAY

**DIPARTIMENTO DI SCIENZE  
SOCIALI, VICO MONTE DELLA  
PIETÀ 1, AULA OVALE (1ST FLOOR)**

## Session 2

**Andrea Revelant** Università Ca' Foscari Venezia, chair

9:00 – **Emanuele Ertola** Università di Siena  
*A Model or a Mirror? Italian Views on Japanese Settler Colonial Expansion, 1897-1942*

**Roberta Perger** Indiana University  
*New Territory and Common Ground: Settler Colonialism, Imperial Archetypes, and Fascist Conquest*

11:00: coffee break

**Filippo Dornetti** Università di Milano,  
*Corporatism in Manchukuo (1932-1945), between Exceptionalism and Adaptation of Foreign Models*

**Daniel Hedinger** Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München  
*The Manchurian Model? Settler Colonialism and the Imperial Nexus of the Axis Alliance*

## Discussants:

**Elisabeth Bruyère** (Università di Napoli Federico II), **Ettore Costa** (Scuola Superiore Meridionale), **Vanni D'Alessio** (Università di Napoli Federico II), **Thaïs Gendry** (Scuola Superiore Meridionale), **Bernhard Leitner** (Università Ca' Foscari di Venezia), **Daniel-Joseph MacArthur-Seal** (Scuola Superiore Meridionale), **Airton Ribeiro da Silva** (Scuola Superiore Meridionale), **Andrea Revelant** (Università Ca' Foscari di Venezia), **Teodoro Tagliaferri** (Università di Napoli Federico II)

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