COMPARATIVE COLONIALISMS:

Approaches to the Global Humanities

Inaugural Workshop of the Consortium of Studies in Race, Colonialism, and Diaspora (RCD)

Alumnae Lounge, Tufts University
Sat., Oct. 4, 2014
9:00AM - 6:30PM

The newly established Consortium of Studies in Race, Colonialism and Diaspora is a connected set of programs for the comparative study of race, class, colonialism and diaspora. To exemplify this vision of comparative study, participants in this inaugural workshop will discuss historical and present-day colonial formations that illustrate the specificities and convergences of colonial violence, rule and governance, racialization, displacement and its legacies. Papers will reflect on the differentiated concerns of slavery, military colonialism, war, processes of extraction and accumulation, cultural imperialism, gendered and sexual violence. They will consider problems and contexts that are specific to the Americas, Africa, Europe and Asia, and ones that cross and bind together world regions. The workshop will provide an opportunity to explore the meaningful links among multiple sites, communities, and subjects where colonialisms have forcibly shaped and remade terrains of rule, diaspora, struggle, contestation, and cultural expression.

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9-9:15am
Introduction and Welcome

David Harris | Provost of Tufts University
James Glaser | Dean ad interim of the School of Arts and Sciences

9:15-10:45am
Session I
Empires of Labor: Commodification and Geographies of Racial Capitalism

Stephanie Smallwood | University of Washington
Walter Johnson | Harvard University

11-12:30pm
Session II
The Settler Colonial Present in the United States

K-Sue Park | UC Berkeley, Harvard Law School
Kevin Bruyneel | Babson College

3:15-4:45pm
Session IV
Affect, Translation, Belonging: Themes in the Study of Colonialism

Shaden Tageldin | University of Minnesota
Kamran Rastegar | Tufts University

5-6:30pm
Keynote Lecture
The Afterlives of Empires: Nationalism, Internationalism and Cosmopolitanism

Partha Chatterjee | Columbia University; Center for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta