

Into the Outward State: Consuls and Consulates in History

A workshop at Brown University

May 6, 2019

9-9:15 am - Introductory comments (Holly Case, Brown)

9:15-10:45 am – Imperial Agents I: Consuls in the Russian and Ottoman Empires

Chair: Larry Peskin (Morgan State University)

- Lucien Frary (Rider University), “The Russian Mission in Constantinople (1817-21)”
- Anil Askin (Brown University), “Spanish Consuls in Ottoman Odessa in the first Half of the Nineteenth-Century”
- Houssine Alloul (Columbia University/University of Antwerp), “‘Strangers Who Use It as a Title and Care of Nothing Else’: Reconstructing Consular Trajectories in An Ottoman Port Town”
- Sam Coggeshall (Columbia University), “Consular Networks, Continuity, and the Creation of National Space Between Empire and Revolution”

11 am-12:30 pm – Imperial Agents II: Balkan and Habsburg Perspectives on Consulship

Chair: Nicole Phelps (University of Vermont)

- Simeon Simeonov (Brown University), “Miranda on the Balkans: Consuls, the Fall of Empires, and the Southeastern Origins of the Long Age of Revolutions”
- Vladislav Lilić (Vanderbilt University), “Bullets, Knives, Bombs, and A Not So “Quiet Revolution: Serbian Poet-Consul Milan Rakić and Networks of Violence in Ottoman Balkans (1905-1911)”
- Alison Frank Johnson (Harvard University), “Violent Emotions: Honor and Bureaucracy in the Habsburg Consular Service”
- Cristina Florea (SUNY Albany/Cornell University), “Ambassadors of Empire: Habsburg Consuls and Peasant Migrants in the New World”

2-3:15 pm – Transatlantic Connections I: The U.S. in a World of Consuls

Chair: Alison Frank Johnson (Harvard University)

- Larry Peskin (Morgan State University), “Surrounded by Africans and Catholics: Establishing Family Life and Social Networks in the Mediterranean”
- Brooks Swett (Columbia University), “The Intrusion of ‘Political Subjects’: British Interest in the Politics of the U.S. South During Reconstruction”
- Nicole Phelps (University of Vermont), “Complicated, but Crucial ... and Exceptional?: Sovereignty and State Building in the US Consular Service”

3:30-4:45 pm – Transatlantic Connections II: Rethinking U.S. History from the Consulate

Chair: Cristina Florea (SUNY Albany/Cornell University)

- Katrina Ponti (University of Rochester), “Operative Disorganization: Consular Posts in Early American Diplomacy”
- Brett Goodin (Library Company of Philadelphia), “‘Three lighthouses erected on three dangerous shoals’: United States consuls James Cathcart, Richard O'Brien, and William Eaton in the Barbary States, 1797-1805”
- Nancy Shoemaker (University of Connecticut), “The U.S. Consular Despatches as Sources for Research and Teaching”

4:45-5:15 pm – Wrap-up session [Nancy Shoemaker (University of Connecticut) and Holly Case (Brown University)]