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Seminar Series on Modern North American History

September 2023 – April 2024

Program

Invitation to Seminar

by Prof. Kristin Hoganson

25 September 2023

The political developments, societal transformations, cultural shifts, foreign policy initiatives, national security concerns, and international relations that originated from the US have left an indelible mark on the North American continent and the global landscape.

This hybrid seminar series, organized by the RIAS and the Sciences Po Center for History (CHSP) in Paris, forms a platform to explore these diverse and interconnected themes.

This series, one of very few of its kind in Europe, intersects with various significant historiographical trends, continuing the move towards a more integrated view of US and North American history. It pays special attention to the inclusion of global, imperial, transnational, and interconnected histories to reframe our understanding of the United States' place in the world and the emerging focus on international environmental history and issues.

The platform, which meets once a month in a hybrid format (online and in person), encourages active participation from doctoral students and aims to serve as an open and inclusive forum for discussing some of the most innovative recent scholarship. It aspires to bring together historians of different backgrounds and in different stages of their career, foster a historiographical and interdisciplinary conversation, and critically consider the contemporary societal and political ramifications of the historical events under discussion.



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Invitation

STRUCTURES OF POWER: US INFRASTRUCTURE BUILDING IN THE CIRCUM-CARIBBEAN DURING THE BAD NEIGHBOR ERA

LECTURER Professor Kristin Hoganson

DATE Monday, 25 September 2023 at 17:00-18:30 CEST

LOCATION This is a hybrid event. You can participate in the seminar in person in Paris or Leiden or join online.

Click on the [registration link](#) below to see the addresses of the locations in Paris and Leiden



Kristin Hoganson is a professor of history at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

She is a leading authority in US foreign relations history, with particular expertise in the history of the US empire during the long nineteenth century up to World War I. Her broad and diverse scholarship covers subjects such as imperialism, the role of masculinity in policy-making, global trade, consumer consumption, and environmental issues. Hoganson's latest works include the brilliant book *The Heartland: An American History* (Penguin Press, 2019). For an overview of her publications, [click here](#).

Kristin Hoganson will introduce in her talk her most recent research project on imperialist infrastructure at the dawn of the big carbon era.

She will delve into US infrastructure building in the circum-Caribbean during the early twentieth century, discussing the role of the US private sector, particularly US engineers and investors, and exploring the intersections of the public and private sectors.

From 18 September to 18 October 2023, Hoganson is the Fall Roosevelt Visiting Professor at the RIAS.

To attend the lecture, [please register here](#).

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Monday, 25 September 2023, 17.00 – 18.30 CEST

- Kristin Hoganson (University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign), *Structures of Power: US Infrastructure Building in the Circum-Caribbean During the Bad Neighbor Era*

Monday, 23 October 2023, 17.00 – 18.30 CEST

- Matthew Connelly (Columbia University), *America's Secrecy Industrial Complex: History and the Future*

Monday, 20 November 2023, 17.00 – 18.30 CEST

- Andrew Preston (University of Cambridge), *From Planning to Strategy: New Deal Liberalism and the Invention of National Security*

Monday, 11 December 2023, 17.00 – 19.00 CET

- Rebecca Herman (UC Berkeley), *Cooperating with the Colossus: US Military Basing in World War II Latin America*

Monday, 29 January 2024, 17.00 – 18.30 CET

- Sean Vanatta (University of Glasgow), *A Treacherous Ocean of Money: Finance and Failure across the Interwar Atlantic, 1920-1935*

Monday, 26 February 2024, 17.00 – 18.30 CET

- Sarah Nelson (Leiden University), *Networking Empire: Communications, Decolonization, and American Power in the 20th Century*

Monday, 25 March 25, 2024, 17.00 – 18.30 CET

- Augusta Dell'Omo (Southern Methodist University), *Far Right Capitalism in the US and South Africa at the End of the Cold War*

Monday, 29 April 2024, 17.00 – 18.30 CEST

- Elsa Devienne (Northumbria University), *Rubbish Tactics? Oil Spills, Beach Clean-Ups, and the Making of Modern Environmentalism (1969-2023)*



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