HTS 3063
Comparative History of British Imperialism South and East of Suez

Week I
January 10   Introduction
January 11   Where, When, and What was the British Empire?

Read Porter: Chapter 1

January 12   South Asia before Britain
January 13   The Indian “Mutiny”

Week II
January 17   Indian Independence
January 18   Class Discussion

Read Porter: Chapter 2

January 19   South Africa before the Boer War
January 20   The Boer War

Week III

Read: Porter Chapters 3-4

January 24   Apartheid and anti-Apartheid
January 25   Class Discussion
January 26   Midterm Exam
January 27   Trip

Week IV

Read: Porter Chapters 5-6

January 31   Australia before the British
February 1   “When the Sky Fell Down,” the Aboriginal Encounter
February 2   Prepare for Class Presentations
Class assignment due for next class:

1. Locate the Internet database “Old Bailey” Online.
2. Search the database using “Botany Bay” as your keyword.
3. Select one of the cases that interests you, print it out and bring it to the class for discussion.

Or:

1. Locate the Internet database “Superior Courts of New South Wales Decisions Prior to 1900,” created by Bruce Kercher of Macquerie University.
2. Go to Webb Address (URL).
3. Find the Subject Index.
4. Search the Subject Index under either “Aborigine” or under “Convict”.
5. Select one of the cases that interests you, print it out and bring it to the class for discussion.

February 3  Class Presentations

Week V

Read Porter: Chapters 7-8

February 7  New Zealand: First Encounters
February 8  Contact and Consequences
February 9  Trip to new Zealand Parliament
February 10  Class Discussion

Week VI

Read: Porter: Chapters 9-10

February 14  Gladstone and Disraeli in Egypt
February 15  The Balfour Declaration
February 16  Suez 1956: End of Empire
February 17  Conclusions – Take Home Final Exam due this day.

Readings

Main Text:
Bernard Porter, The Lion’s Share …
All students must adhere scrupulously to the Georgia Tech honor code.

No student may have more than two excused absences.

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