Modern European Imperialism and the History of Sex and Sexuality  
Prof. Todd Shepard  
AS.100.630 Fall 2017

Requirements

Attendance and Discussion  
Students are expected to attend all class meetings and to participate actively in discussion.

Oral Presentations and Bibliographies  
Each class meeting will begin with a ~20 minute oral presentation by one student, which should focus in on one historiographic question raised by one or more of that week’s readings. This presentation should both offer an overview of the historiographic question—how and why did it become important; how and why has it developed and/or changed over time—and suggest how it helps us better understand the readings. It is expected that the presenter will do additional readings. This should be a well-prepared conference-style presentation. The presenter should also prepare a short bibliography (1-2 pp.) on the topic for the week, which will be photocopied and distributed to each member of the class. Each student will present twice over the course of the semester.

Readings

Week 2 (September 12): Introduction  
+Michel Foucault, *History of Sexuality*, v. 1.

Week 2 (September 19) Carnal Knowledge and Imperial Power: Stoler  
+Ann Laura Stoler, *Carnal Knowledge and Imperial Power*, Epilogue, chs. 1, 3, and 4.  

Week 3 (September 26): Archiving Sex  


Week 4 (October 3): 19th-century British (Sexual) Orientalism  
*Colette Colligan, ”Sir Richard Burton, the Arabian Nights, and Arab Sex Manuals." *The Traffic in Obscenity from Byron to Beardsley* (Basingstoke, UK: Palgrave Macmillan UK, 2006), 56-95.


Week 5 (October 10) **Homoerotics of Orientalism**


Week 6 (October 17): **Age of Consent Laws and Intergenerational Sex at the End of Empire**


*-----, Coming of Age: Law, Sex and Childhood in Late Colonial India,” *Gender and History* 24: 1 (April 2012), 205-230.


October 24: NO CLASS

Week 7 (October 31): **“Interracial” Sex, I**

Week 8 (November 7): **Bodies**

Week 9 (November 14): “**Interracial**” Sex, II
+Frantz Fanon, *Black Skin, White masks*

Week 10 (November 28): **Sex and Anticolonialism**

Week 11 (December 6): **The Imperialism of Sexuality**