Rethinking German Imperialism

University of Toronto, April 16-17, 2010

Friday, April 16, 2010
Munk Centre for International Studies, Room 108N

9:30-9:45
Welcome and Introduction: Jennifer Jenkins, University of Toronto

Panel One: Germany as a Global Power
9:45-12:00
Dennis Sweeney, University of Alberta, “The Quest for ‘World Empire’ and the Transformation of the German Right, 1890-1918”
Comment: Eric Jennings, University of Toronto

Dennis Sweeney is Associate Professor of History at the University of Alberta. He is the author of Work, Race, and the Emergence of Radical Right Corporatism in Imperial Germany (Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 2009) and numerous articles on labor relations, industrial culture, social reform movements and the German state, social democracy, liberalism, radical nationalism, and Pan-German imperialism. He is currently writing a monograph on the German Right, colonial empire, and the invention of the racial state from 1890 to 1923.

Panel Two: The Debate on Empire
1:30-3:30
Geoff Eley, University of Michigan, “Empire by Land or Sea? Germany’s Imperial Imaginary, 1871-1945”
Comment: Doris Bergen, University of Toronto


Coffee Break: 3:30—4:00
Panel Three: Keynote Address: Germany's Colonial Policy
4:00-6:00 pm
Munk Centre for International Studies, Vivian and David Campbell Conference Facility

Introduction and Welcome: Jennifer Jenkins, University of Toronto
Introduction of Speaker: James Retallack, University of Toronto

Hartmut Pogge von Strandmann, University College, Oxford, “Germany's Overseas Imperialism: Colonial Policy in Berlin”
Comment: Volker Berghahn, Columbia University

Hartmut Pogge von Strandmann is Professor of Modern History at Oxford and Emeritus Fellow of University College, Oxford. He was born in Germany and studied there until he was awarded a scholarship to Oxford in 1962. After that he made his career in England. Last year he published in German *Imperialismus vom Grünen Tisch. Deutsche Kolonialpolitik zwischen wirtschaftlicher Ausbeutung und "zivilisatorischen" Bemühungen* (Berlin: Ch. Links Verlag, 2009). An English translation should follow soon.

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Panel Four: Weltpolitik and Orientpolitik
10:00-12:00

Jennifer Jenkins, University of Toronto, “Germany's Oriental Question”
Comment: Andrew Zimmerman, George Washington University

Jennifer Jenkins is Associate Professor of German and European History at the University of Toronto, where she holds a Canada Research Chair in Modern German History. She is the author of *Provincial Modernity: Local Culture and Liberal Politics in Fin-de-Siecle Hamburg* (Cornell University Press, 2003) and writes on modernism, civil society, transnationalism, orientalism and imperialism in twentieth-century Germany. She is currently working on her book project *Excavating Zarathustra: Germany and Iran in the Twentieth Century*, an exploration of German globality on the Persian frontier in the age of empire.

Panel Five
1:00—3:00
Roundtable Discussion

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