

The Limits of Empire in the Early Modern World: *A Conference in Honor of* *Professor Geoffrey Parker*

Mershon Center for International Security Studies
The Ohio State University
Columbus, Ohio
February 26--28, 2009

Preliminary Draft Program

Thursday, February 26

Registration at Hampton Inn

8:00—11:00 PM: Welcome Reception (site TBA)

Friday, February 27

8:00—9:00 AM: Vans available from Hampton Inn to Mershon Center for International Security Studies

8:30—9:00: Coffee and Pastries at Mershon Center for International Security Studies

9:00—10:00

Panel One: Diplomacy and Imperial Limitation: Information, Rumor and The Practice of Power

Moderator: Chris Friedrichs, University of British Columbia

Denice Fett, Ohio State University, "Information, Gossip and Rumor: The Limits of Intelligence at the Early Modern Court, 1558-1571."

Edward Tenace, Lyon College, "Messianic Imperialism or Traditional Dynasticism? The Grand Strategy of Philip II and the Spanish Failure in the Wars of the 1590s"

10:00—10:15: **BREAK**

10:15—11:15

Panel Two: Roundtable: "Information and Empire in the Early Modern World"

Panelists: Paul Dover, Kennesaw State University
John Guilmartin, Ohio State University
(Third Panelist TBA)

11:30 AM—1:00 PM: **LUNCH**

1:15—2:45 PM

Panel Three: The Edges of Hispanic Hegemony

Moderator: Cliff Rogers, United States Military Academy

Comment: Mark Choate, Brigham Young University

Bethany Aram, International College of Seville, “Distance and Misinformation in the Conquest of America”

Michael Levin, University of Akron, “Italy and the Limits of Spanish Empire”

Andrew Mitchell, Hillsdale College, “‘Por Dios, Por Patria.’ The Sacral Limits of Empire as Seen in Catalan Political Sermons, 1638-1641”

2:45—3:00: **BREAK**

3:00—4:00: Plenary Speaker: Dr. Jeremy Black, University of Exeter

**“The Limits of Empire in the Early Modern World:
The Case of Britain, 1660-1800”**

4:00—5:00: Vans available to Hampton Inn

5:00—6:00: Vans available from Hampton Inn to OSU Faculty Club

6:30—9:30: **Dinner** (Location TBA)

Program: Reflections: Geoffrey Parker, Teacher and Scholar

Keynote Speaker: Richard Kagan, The Johns Hopkins University

**“A Grand Strategy: Geoffrey Parker and the
Re-Making of the Hispanic World.”**

Reflections from Former Colleagues and Students

9:30—10:30: Vans Available from OSU Faculty Club to Hampton Inn

Saturday, February 28

8:00—9:00 AM: Vans Available from Hampton Inn to Mershon Center for International Security Studies

8:30—9:30: Coffee and Pastries at Mershon Center for International Security Studies



9:30—11:00:

Panel Four: Theorizing Sovereignty and Empire

Moderator: Cecilia Miller, Wesleyan University

Derek Croxton, Madonna University, “The Limits of Empire: The Development of Independent States in Europe.”

Andrea J. Smidt, Geneva College, “Enlightened Absolutism and New Frontiers for Political Authority: Building towards a State Religion in Eighteenth-Century Spain”

Cristina Borreguero Beltrán, Universidad de Burgos, “Isabel Clara Eugenia: A Daughter of the Spanish Empire”

11:45—1:30 PM: **LUNCH**

1:45—2:45:

Panel Five: The Limits of Empire in the Early Modern World: The Case of the Dutch Republic

Moderator: Jamel Ostwald, Eastern Connecticut State University

Mary Sprunger, Eastern Mennonite University, “The Limits of Faith in a Maritime Empire: Mennonites, Trade and Politics in the Dutch Golden Age”

Pamela McVay, Ursuline College, “The Ideology of Order: Courts and Mediators on the Fringes of the Dutch Colonial Empire”

3:00—4:00:

Panel Six: The Limits of Empire in the Early Modern World: The Case of Russia

Moderator: Yossi Chajes, University of Haifa

Matthew P. Romaniello, University of Hawaii, “The Façade of Order: Limiting Imperial Space in Early Modern Russia”

William Reger, Illinois State University, “The Limits of Empire: Space for the Stranger, the Zemliac hestvo and the European Mercenary in the Tsar’s Service”

4:15—5:00: **Concluding Remarks: Professor Parker**

5:00—6:00: Vans Available from Mershon Center for International Security Studies to Hampton Inn



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