Call for Papers

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“Reverberations of Empire: Histories, Legacies & Lineages”

The history of empire is inescapable. Nearly every country on the earth is either an empire, a colony, a former imperial power or a former colony of an imperial power, and new forms of imperialism continue to proliferate. The impact, legacies and lineages of empire are everywhere: in debates over historical monuments and slavery’s effects, in current forms of global hierarchy and inequality, in state organization, contemporary war and policing, international health regimes, ongoing configurations of racial capitalism and even social scientific knowledge. Empire is present, even if it seems absent. While the 2022 Program Committee welcomes individual papers or panel proposals on all aspects of social science history, it is especially interested in papers and panels that analyze the enduring presence and persistent reverberations of empire. Topics may include but are not restricted to:

- What are the legacies or influences of empire on present-day societies, politics, cultures and economies?
- What are the dynamics and forms of empires?
- How did colonialism and imperialism work on the ground?
- How can we conjoin metropolitan and colonial histories and what are their entanglements?
- How did empire shape the content and production of knowledge?
- What forms of resistance were mobilized against empires?
- What accounts for anticolonial revolutions and movements?
- What theories, concepts, or methods are best suited for analyzing empire and its reverberations?

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