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„Globalization and the British Empire“



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For better or worse, much of the world learnt how to be modern during the 19th and early 20th centuries under British rule or indirect domination. In 1920 the British Empire had the same global ‘weight’ as China does today. What has been the politico-cultural legacy of the British Empire’s dominance, decline, fall and aftermath? That includes the effects on the British themselves, and upon the empire’s neo-fascist offspring in South Africa under *apartheid* (1948-1994) and in Burma/Myanmar under military tyranny (1962-2015). This lecture presents a specific take on the sociology of globalization that emphasizes the part played by forced displacement.

Possible reading includes:

Piers Brendon, *The Decline and Fall of the British Empire* (Vintage)

Shashi Tharoor, *Inglorious Empire. What the British Did to India* (Hurst)

Dennis Smith, *Globalization. The Hidden Agenda* (Polity)