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Informal Empire: Towards a New Approach

‘Informal Empire’ describes a form of 19th-century influence based on British free trade and on the manipulation from London of investment and debt to establish asymmetric commercial relations. This lecture will expand the concept of ‘Informal Empire’ to include other types of scientific, cultural, and religious advantage, and to examine informal imperialism situated in eastern and southern Europe, in the Americas, and in the Pacific. How can we reformulate our framework to make visible actors and spaces that are pushed to the margins by a focus on the strength of the ‘Anglosphere’? An exploration of imperial practices outside, or in between, the spaces of formal empire could also increase our understanding the role of collaboration, contestation, and failure in the making of modern empires.

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