

## LEGACIES OF COLONIALISMS

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Explicit in the title is the assumption that even in the modern period there is more than one type of colonialism and that this is often lost sight of, perhaps especially in the critical literature. But I would see definitional issues if we want to get into them as the endpoint of such a discussion rather than the starting point.

My own interest in these questions largely relates to colonialism in South and East Asia but is not limited to these areas and such a topic would enable those with different areas of interest (Australasia or North America for example) to bring their knowledge into the discussion. It might also be interesting (to me, at least) to ask in what sense if at all the Chinese Asian diaspora can appropriately be considered a form of colonialism. Whatever the answer to that, it is of course clear that colonialism whatever it means cannot be confined to the conduct of certain Western nations but must also embrace China and more recently Japan.

Under legacies, the following sub-themes are suggested. It is hoped that the discussion will add to as well as complexify this list.

- language: hybrids/creolisation
- 'culture' education, imitation, identification, the "Asian values" debate (Confucianism etc)
- law: judicial systems, legal professionals and their organization, concepts of justice
- religion: world religions and local cults
- nationalism/self-assertion
- patterns of trade

Should we/can we distinguish colonialism and imperialism?