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The Hermeneutics of Empire: Imperialism as an Interpretation Strategy

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15.00 - 16.30 hours



Imperialism is traditionally defined as a proactive ideology, one that triggers historical developments and produces domination and exploitation according to the laws of global capitalism. The proposed paper wishes to show that, as an ideology, it also possesses a hermeneutic potential and can become a form of interpretation that is capable of at least addressing, perhaps even subverting aspects of itself.

Rainer Emig is Chair of English Literature and Culture at Leibniz University in Hanover, Germany. His publications include the monographs *Modernism in Poetry* (1995), *W.H. Auden* (1999) and *Krieg als Metapher im zwanzigsten Jahrhundert* (2001) as well as edited collections on *Stereotypes in Contemporary Anglo-German Relations* (2000), *Ulysses* (2004), *Gender - Religion* (with Sabine Demel, 2008), *Hybrid Humour* (with Graeme Dunphy, 2010), *Performing Masculinity* (with Antony Rowland, 2010), and *Commodifying (Post-) Colonialism* (with Oliver Lindner, 2010). He is one of the editors of the *Journal for the Study of British Cultures*.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

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