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ROTHMERE AMERICAN INSTITUTE, UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD, 16 JANUARY 2026

9:30 Coffee

9:45 Welcome

THE U.S. AND THE IMPERIAL WORLD

10:00

Nathan Cardon (University of Birmingham), American Cyclists in the Imperial World

Comment: Oli Charboneau (University of Glasgow)

10:35

Lewis Defrates (Maynooth University), An Imperial Interlude: Empire in fin-de-siecle Anglo-American Culture

Comment: David Sim (UCL)

11:05 Break

IMPERIAL KNOWLEDGE

11:15

David Fitzgerald (University College, Cork), William Leahy and American Empire

Comment: Stephen Tuffnell (University of Oxford)

11:50

Oli Charboneau (University of Glasgow), Armed Ethnographers

Comment: Maye Henning (Suffolk University)

12:30 Lunch

THE SECRECY REGIME

13:15

Kaeten Mistry (UEA), The Limits of Secrecy Reform: Accountability, Censorship & Executive Power

Comment: Dan Rowe (University of Oxford)

RETHINKING THE COLD WAR

13:50

Sarah Dunstan (University of Glasgow), Cold War Futures: American Cultural Power and Global Dystopian Imaginaries

Comment: Lewis Defrates (Maynooth University)



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14:25

Ilaria Scaglia (Aston University), Cold War Journeys: Portraying Values and Emotions Across the Iron Curtain, Camera in Hand

Comment: Heather Dichter

15:00 Coffee

THE WAR IN VIETNAM

15:15

Sean Fear (University of Leeds), Saigon's "Year of Sand": The 1968 Tet Offensive and Rise and Fall of South Vietnam's Second Republic 1967-1975

Comment: David Fitzgerald

BOOK PROPOSAL FORUM

15:50

Owen Walsh (University of Aberdeen), Insurgent Americana: Radical US Intellectuals and the Mexican Revolution

Comment: Tom Arnold-Forster (University of Oxford)