

**HIS 517.01**  
**Theme Seminar on Empire, Modernity & Globalization**  
**Topic: Doing Transnational History in a Global Age**

Tuesday 3:30-6:20 pm

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The recent “transnational turn” has given rise to a search for a satisfying way to uncover, conceptualize, and narrate that which was excluded or obscured by state-centered historical approach to the modern world. Not surprisingly, however, the idea of transnationalism has raised as many problems as it has solved. The obscure relationship between states and transnational social spaces is direly in need of further illumination, as is the relation between transnational, global, and international history. In addition to these questions, this seminar will examine what a transnational perspective enables us to see or how its ostensible insights can be translated into a concrete historical research project. Lastly, in the seminar we will all learn that globality is both the precondition and the subject of transnational history and that transnational and global perspective affects the making of alternative possibilities.