

PROGRAMME

HY509: Early Career International History Seminar

- AUTUMN TERM 2026 -

NB: All seminars to be held from 15:30 to 17:00, in-person on LSE's campus in CLM.1.02. Attendance is open to IH staff, graduate students, and alumni regardless of specialism, as well as friends and colleagues in other departments. Themes for winter and spring term advertised separately.

Theme I: **"Imagining and Conceptualising Empire"** (Wed. 07 October 2026)

Speaker: Jeremy Ricketts-Hagan (Economic History), 'What Drove the Expansion of the Asante Empire? Assessing the role of the Atlantic Slave Trade and Political Development in African State-Building'

Speaker: Dr. William Mitchell (Geography), 'The Whig Imperial Imaginary & The Transformation of the English State, 1685-1715'

Theme II: **"Material and Object Histories"** (Wed. 11 November 2026)

Speaker: Ziquan Zhou (International History), 'The Cost of Colours: Measuring Sappanwood and Mobilising Labour in Nineteenth-Century Siam'

Theme III: **"Histories of Diplomacy and the Making of Foreign Policy"** (Wed. 09 December 2026)

Speaker: Dr. Charlotte Eaton (International History), 'Balancing the international and the domestic: Colombian foreign policy and the Spanish Civil War'

Speaker: Francesca Mascanzoni (International History), 'Diplomacy without Foreign Policy? The European Parliament and Associated African States in the 1960s'