



Researching Imperial and Commonwealth History – Resource list

The link to the recording of the session and the PowerPoint slides of all speakers can be found here: <https://www.history.ac.uk/whats/ihr-events-archive/researching-imperial-and-commonwealth-history>

Resources discussed in session

Mary Banton, *Administering the Empire, 1801-1968: A Guide to the Records of the Colonial Office in the National Archives of the UK*. Available online at: <http://humanities-digital-library.org/index.php/hdl/catalog/book/administering-the-empire-1801-1968>

The National Archives

<https://nationalarchives.gov.uk>

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office website: FCDO Archive inventory (September 2020)

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/913754/FCDO_archive_inventory.csv/preview

British Documents on the End of Empire

<https://bdeep.org/>

Commonwealth Oral History Project

<https://commonwealthoralhistories.org/>

Ruth First Papers

<https://www.ruthfirstpapers.org.uk/>

The Bibliography of British and Irish History (BBIH), including online help pack for using BBIH

<https://www.history.ac.uk/publications/bibliography-british-and-irish-history>

British History Online (BHO)

<https://www.british-history.ac.uk/>

IHR Library Collections Page

<https://www.history.ac.uk/library/collections>



IHR Library Colonial History Collection Guide

<https://www.history.ac.uk/library/collections/colonial-history>

IHR Library Catalogue

<https://catalogue.libraries.london.ac.uk/search~S10/>

IHR Library Membership

<https://www.history.ac.uk/library/library-membership>

IHR Library Online Resource List

<https://www.history.ac.uk/library/collections/online-resources>

IHR Teaching British Histories of Race, Migration and Empire

<https://www.history.ac.uk/library/collections/teaching-british-histories-race-migration-and-empire>

JISC Library Hub

<https://discover.libraryhub.jisc.ac.uk/>

Open and Free Access Materials for Research

<https://www.history.ac.uk/library/collections/online-resources/open-access-resources>

Senate House Library guide to Commonwealth Studies

<https://london.ac.uk/senate-house-library/our-collections/research-strengths-of-our-collections/commonwealth-studies>

Senate House Library guide to imperial and Commonwealth history collections:

<https://london.ac.uk/senate-house-library/our-collections/research-strengths-of-our-collections/social-economic-and-cultural-history#imperial-and-commonwealth-history-21836>

Senate House Library special collections and archives

<https://london.ac.uk/senate-house-library/our-collections/special-collections>

Senate House Library catalogue

<https://encore.libraries.london.ac.uk/iii/encore/?lang=eng&suite=shl>

Senate House Library A-Z Databases list

<https://senatehouselibrary.libguides.com/az.php>

Additional resources

Senate House Library e-resources

(requires Senate House Library membership to sign-in)

African Writers Series

<https://0-search-proquest-com.catalogue.libraries.london.ac.uk/pq1lit/docview/2343193971?accountid=14565>

Age of Exploration

<http://0-www.exploration.amdigital.co.uk.catalogue.libraries.london.ac.uk/>

Apartheid Through the Eyes of South African Political Parties, 1948-1994

<https://microform.digital/boa/collections/84/apartheid-through-the-eyes-of-south-african-political-parties-1948-1994>

Archives Direct – Sources from the National Archives

<https://0-www-archivesdirect-amdigital-co-uk.catalogue.libraries.london.ac.uk/>

China: Trade, Politics and Culture

<http://0-www.china.amdigital.co.uk.catalogue.libraries.london.ac.uk/>

Churchill Archive

<http://0-www.churchillarchive.com.catalogue.libraries.london.ac.uk/>

Colonial America

<http://0-www.colonialamerica.amdigital.co.uk.catalogue.libraries.london.ac.uk/>

Colonial Caribbean, Module I: Settlement, Slavery, and Empire, 1624-1832

<http://0-www.colonialcaribbean.amdigital.co.uk.catalogue.libraries.london.ac.uk/>

Colonial State Papers (1574 - 1757)

<http://0-search.proquest.com.catalogue.libraries.london.ac.uk/csp?accountid=14565>

Confidential Print: Africa, 1834-1966

http://0-www-archivesdirect.amdigital.co.uk.catalogue.libraries.london.ac.uk/CP_Africa

Confidential Print: Middle East, 1839-1969

http://0-www-archivesdirect.amdigital.co.uk.catalogue.libraries.london.ac.uk/CP_MiddleEast



Documents on British Policy Overseas (1898 - 1990)

<http://0-search.proquest.com.catalogue.libraries.london.ac.uk/dbpo?accountid=14565>

Early Encounters in North America

<https://0-search-alexanderstreet-com.catalogue.libraries.london.ac.uk/eena>

East India Company

<http://0-www.eastindiacompany.amdigital.co.uk.catalogue.libraries.london.ac.uk/>

Empire Online

<http://0-www.empire.amdigital.co.uk.catalogue.libraries.london.ac.uk/>

Frontier Life

<http://0-www.frontierlife.amdigital.co.uk.catalogue.libraries.london.ac.uk/>

Global Commodities: Trade, Exploration and Cultural Exchange

<http://0-www.globalcommodities.amdigital.co.uk.catalogue.libraries.london.ac.uk/>

Human Rights Studies Online: Genocide, Crimes against Humanity, and Conflict Resolution

<http://0-search.alexanderstreet.com.catalogue.libraries.london.ac.uk/huri>

India, Raj and Empire

<http://0-www.indiaraj.amdigital.co.uk.catalogue.libraries.london.ac.uk/>

Ireland Archive Collection

<https://0-www-jstor-org.catalogue.libraries.london.ac.uk/subject/irishstudies>

Leisure, Travel and Mass Culture: The History of Tourism

<http://0-www.masstourism.amdigital.co.uk.catalogue.libraries.london.ac.uk/>

Making of the Modern World

http://0-go.gale.com.catalogue.libraries.london.ac.uk/ps/start.do?p=MOME&userGroupName=ul_ttda

Migration to New Worlds

<http://0-www.migration.amdigital.co.uk.catalogue.libraries.london.ac.uk/>



Missionary Studies

[http://0-
www.researchsource.amdigital.co.uk/catalogue/libraries.london.ac.uk/MissStudies](http://0-www.researchsource.amdigital.co.uk/catalogue/libraries/london.ac.uk/MissStudies)

Nineteenth Century British Pamphlets

[http://0-www.jstor.org.catalogue.libraries.london.ac.uk/site/19th-century-british-pamphlets/](http://0-www.jstor.org/catalogue/libraries/london.ac.uk/site/19th-century-british-pamphlets/)

Nineteenth Century UK Periodicals

[http://0-
go.gale.com.catalogue.libraries.london.ac.uk/ps/start.do?p=NCUK&userGroupName=ull
_tda](http://0-go.gale.com/catalogue/libraries/london.ac.uk/ps/start.do?p=NCUK&userGroupName=ull_tda)

ProQuest Historical Newspapers: The Times of India

[http://0-
search.proquest.com.catalogue.libraries.london.ac.uk/hnptimesofindia?accountid=1456
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Research Source

[http://0-www.researchsource.amdigital.co.uk.catalogue/libraries.london.ac.uk/](http://0-www.researchsource.amdigital.co.uk/catalogue/libraries/london.ac.uk/)

Slavery, abolition and social justice, 1490-2007

[http://0-www.slavery.amdigital.co.uk.catalogue/libraries.london.ac.uk/](http://0-www.slavery.amdigital.co.uk/catalogue/libraries/london.ac.uk/)

Travel Writing, Spectacle and World History

[http://0-www.travelwriting.amdigital.co.uk.catalogue/libraries.london.ac.uk/](http://0-www.travelwriting.amdigital.co.uk/catalogue/libraries/london.ac.uk/)

UK Parliamentary Papers

[http://0-parlipapers.proquest.com.catalogue/libraries.london.ac.uk/](http://0-parlipapers.proquest.com/catalogue/libraries/london.ac.uk/)

Women and Social Movements, Modern Empires Since 1820

[http://0-search.alexanderstreet.com.catalogue/libraries.london.ac.uk/wasq](http://0-search.alexanderstreet.com/catalogue/libraries/london.ac.uk/wasq)

Free digital resources

Commonwealth i-Library

<https://www.thecommonwealth-ilibrary.org/index.php/comsec/index>



Legacies of British Slavery Database

<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/lbs/>

BBIH Black British History online reading list

<https://www.history.ac.uk/publications/bibliography-british-and-irish-history/recent-publishing-black-british-history-bbih>

BBIH and Global History

<https://www.history.ac.uk/publications/bibliography-british-and-irish-history/bbih-and-global-history>

Documentary Film on the migrated archives: Operation Legacy

<https://www.museumofbritishcolonialism.org/operationlegacydoc>

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