

## **Empires in the 21st Century: Emergence, Contestation, and Gender**

May 18, 2007

Fir Room, Erb Memorial Union, University of Oregon

8:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

**8:30 a.m. - Gather and Welcome:** Wendy Larson, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences

### **9:00 – 11:45 a.m. - Panel 1: “Theorizing Empires”**

This panel will focus on gender and race, asking what work gender and race are being made to do, both literally and epistemologically, in imperial formations.

Panel Chair: Dr. Sandra Morgen (Penn State University)

Dr. Valentine Moghadam (Purdue University) – “Confronting Empire: The New Imperialism, Islamism, and Feminism”

Dr. Aihwa Ong (University of California Berkeley) – “Shifting Empires: Continents, Race, and Gender in the Equation”

Lynn Stephen (University of Oregon) – “Gender, Race, and Immigration in the Expansion of U.S. Empire”

### **11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. – Break for Lunch**

### **1:00 – 2:45 p.m. - Panel 2: “Cultural Mediations of Empire(s)”**

This panel will examine the ways imperial ideologies are created and negotiated by the media and other cultural formations.

Panel Chair: Dr. Sangita Gopal, (University of Oregon)

Dr. Michael Hames-Garcia, (University of Oregon) - “From Oz to Abu Ghraib: Homophobia, Masculinity, Empire”

Dr. David Li, (University of Oregon) - "Cannibal Capitalism and Mundane Monstrosities: Reproduction and Rejuvenation in Fruit Chan's DUMPLINGS”

Dr. Purnima Mankekar, (University of California, Los Angeles) - ”Unsettling India: Impersonation and Mobility in an Age of Transnational Media”

### **2:45 – 3:15 – Break**

### **3:15 – 5:00 p.m. - Panel 3: “Contesting Empires”**

In this panel speakers will explore resistance to/contestations of empire, including U.S. empire and resistance to the processes of domination within/by emerging empires.

Panel Chair: Dr. Lamia Karim, (University of Oregon)

Dr. Roksana Bahramitash, (Concordia University) - “Saving Iranian Women: Orientalist Feminism and the Axis of Evil”

Dr. Angana Chatterji, (California Institute for Integral Studies) – “Authoritarian Desires: Unmasking Hindu Majoritarianism in India's Emergent Empire”

Dr. Tania Triana, (University of Oregon) – “Legacies of U.S. Imperialism in the 'War on Terror”

### **5:00-5:30 p.m.: Concluding Remarks**

Moderator: Sandra Morgen (includes all participants)

### **5:30 – 6:30 p.m.: Reception**

Conference Organizers:

Sangita Gopal, assistant professor, English; and Lamia Karim, assistant professor, anthropology. Both are co-coordinators of the “Reading Empires Research Interest Group” at the Center for the Study of Women in Society, the main conference sponsor.

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The event is free and open to the public. For more information call CSWS (541) 346-5015. To arrange disability accommodations, call at least one week in advance.