

**After 1776:
Settlers, Slavery, and Citizenship in the Atlantic Republics**

**University College London, 2–3 July 2026
IAS Common Ground
(South Wing, G11)**

THURSDAY 2 JULY

9.30am-1.00pm **Graduate Student Workshop**

1.00-2.00pm: **Lunch**

2.00-3.45pm: **Panel 1: The People Armed & The People Liberated**

Chair: Gareth Davies (University College London)

Capucine Boidin (Sorbonne Nouvelle)

Concepts of rights, freedom and happiness in Guaraní (Rio de la Plata, 1810-1813)

David Johnson (Open University)

Contesting settler republicanism and colonial occupation in the Cape Colony, 1776-1830

Samanatha Seeley (University of Richmond)

Confiscation and the wages of war

3.45-4.00pm: **Coffee**

4.00-5.30pm: **Panel 2: Sovereign States and Citizens**

Chair: Hilary Sapire (Birkbeck, University of London)

Leigh Gardner (London School of Economics)

Agency in an unequal world: how Liberians debated national development after independence in 1847

Tim Gibbs (Université Paris Nanterre)

Afrikaner Republics, African Kingdoms, British Imperialism: What might Southern African historians contribute to debates about Atlantic republicanism?

Rachel St. John (UC Davis)

The Kingdom of God and Black Manifest Destiny: Imagining alternative national possibilities in nineteenth-century North America

5.30-7.00pm: **Keynote 1: From 1775 to 1776: The American Revolution and the Embarrassing Right of Resistance (Gustav Tuck LT)**

Eliga Gould (University of New Hampshire)

Chair: Nicola Miller (University College London)

7.00-8.00pm: **Reception**

8.00-10.00pm: **Dinner**

FRIDAY 3 JULY

9.00-9.30am: **Coffee**

9.30-11.00am: **Panel 3: Civic and Racial Citizenship**

Chair: Manjeet Ramgotra (SOAS, University of London)

Max Edling (Kings College London)

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that some are more equal than others: The rights regime of the American founding.

Khumisho Moguerane (University of the Witwatersrand)

Moral lives and the practices of nationalism in colonial Bechuanaland, southern Africa

Federica Morelli (Università di Torino)

Almost citizens? The ambiguous status of free people of colour in nineteenth-century Latin American republics

11.00-11.30am: **Coffee**

11.30-1.30pm: **Panel 4: Land, Labour, and Capital**

Chair: Matt Smith (University College London)

Jon Chandler (University College London)

The afterlife of revolutionary debt: Credit, households, and the postwar Atlantic world

Marcela Echeverri Muñoz (Yale University)

Republican slavery and anti-slavery in Pacific South America (1820s-1840s)

Hank Gonzalez (University of Cambridge)

Republicanism, citizenship, and the wartime political economy of early Haiti

Christine Whyte (University of Glasgow)

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1.30-2.30pm:

Lunch

2.30-3.30pm

Keynote 2: The Republic against Empire: An Ibero-American Perspective, 1808–1898

Clément Thibaud (EHESS)

Discussant: Louis Warren (UC Davis)

3.30-4.00pm

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