

CALL FOR PAPERS

Symposium, 08.02.2014

Martin-Luther-University Halle-Wittenberg

in cooperation with the Interdisciplinary Centre for European Enlightenment Studies (IZEA) and the Center of United States Studies (ZUSAS)

Enlightened Powers: American, French and British Interactions in Botany Bay, 1789-1800

American whalers, French expeditions, black convicts, veteran officers of the American Revolutionary War, rum, rebellions, and British naval law – the elements that contribute towards a larger picture of Australia's first white settlement seem in place already. This symposium will bring together scholars from different disciplines to create a first, synchronic picture of the interactions (and their implications) of these multinational experiences, backgrounds, and interests relevant to the foundation of Australia's convict colony. We welcome analyses of individual, pertinent case studies as well as more theoretical considerations. And, of course, we particularly encourage submissions that take a comparative or interdisciplinary perspective.

Possible topics include:

- Gentlemen All: Shared biographies, correspondences, interests
- In the Navy: Press-ganged or volunteering American sailors in the convict fleets
- Rebellion and Discipline: Naval, martial, military law and its various applications
- Science and Economy: Expeditions and their interactions
- Rum, Tea, Sugar: Provisioning the South Pacific
- Lord Howe's Island: Commemorating the American Revolution in Australia's settling
- Slave Trade and Convict Transportation: Trials & errors
- Wretched Indians: Reading Aborigines in American terms

Please send your abstracts for a 15-minute presentation to Dr. Therese-M. Meyer, therese.meyer@anglistik.uni-halle.de

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