

Independence and Decolonization

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Inspired by the upcoming bicentenary of Mexican independence in 2010, this symposium brings together an international group of scholars to reexamine the long and varied histories of decolonization. Students of decolonization generally focus on the post-World War Two era and the reconfiguration of territorial and social borders that came with the end of European empires in Africa, Asia, and the Middle East. But the world has seen many different “ends” to colonialism as the “first wave” of independence movements in the Americas demonstrates. Twenty-three scholars in a series of seven panels will examine these different processes of decolonization and independence in a variety of settings, from rethinking classic examples such as the Algerian revolution to contested cases such as the Ottoman Empire’s breakup and the challenges faced by people left stateless in the wake of empire. Working at the intersection of new empirical research and recent theoretical developments, participants will critically interrogate and enlarge the paradigms by which we understand decolonization.

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