American Empire: A Global History

A public talk by historian A.G. Hopkins

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The question of whether the USA is an empire is very current, given our military involvement in the Middle East and many other countries, and our economic engagements everywhere. But “empire” is an historical category, and assessing US activities against the background of the classic-case British and other European empires of recent centuries can help clarify modern events. Is the US an empire at all, and are empires bound to fall? Professor Hopkins, who has had a long career pioneering African, economic, British imperial, and global history, is making a major contribution to the debate on these questions.

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