



# “End of Empire“ The British World after 1945

10.–12. October 2018  
University of Tuebingen

## Wednesday, 10 October

Location: Neue Aula, Großer Senat, Geschwister-Scholl-Platz,  
Tuebingen

### 18:00 Keynote 1 – Distempers of Decline: The Identity Pandemic at Empire’s End

(Stuart Ward, *University of Copenhagen*)

## Thursday, 11 October

Location: Alte Aula, Muenzgasse 30, Tuebingen

### 9:00 Opening Remarks

(Ewald Frie, *University of Tuebingen*)

### 9:20-12:00 Panel I: Conceptions of Identity in the Postcolonial Era

Breaking the ‘*Conspiracy of Silence*’ after Empire? Biculturalism,  
Multiculturalism and Indigeneity as a Strategy of Memory  
Practices in Canada and Australia  
(Sebastian Koch, *University of Tuebingen*)

The End of the British World and the Redefinition of Citizenship in  
Canada and Aotearoa New Zealand, 1950s-1970s: Comparisons  
(Jatinder Mann, *Hong Kong Baptist University*)

Overseas Indians in British Colonies. Entanglements of  
Diplomacy and Identity within the ‘Commonwealth Family’  
(Kalathmika Natarajan, *University of Copenhagen*)

Social Belonging in a Post-Colonial Age: National Identity,  
„Britishness“, and the Internal Decolonisation of Great Britain  
(Almuth Ebke, *University of Mannheim*)

### 13:30-17:00 Panel II: Spaces of Commonwealth Foreign Policy at the End of Empire

End of Empire – Rise of the Nation State? The Dissolution of the  
British Empire and the Debate on the Fate of the Nation State  
after the Second World War  
(Martin Deuerlein, *University of Tuebingen*)

“A Matter of Bread and Butter and Bullets”. Framing an Asian  
Threat in Security Discussions among Australia, Canada and  
New Zealand in the 1960s  
(Maïke Hausen, *University of Tuebingen*)

Old Boys’ Networks, British Institutions and the Persistence of a  
British Sphere in an Era of Globalisation  
(Sarah Stockwell, *King’s College London*)

The African End of Empire and the British World after 1945  
(Christian Damm Pedersen, *University of Southern Denmark*)

No More ‘Lifeline’: The End of Empire, ANZUS and the Collapse  
of Australia’s Cold War Policy  
(James Curran, *University of Sydney*)

### 18:00 Keynote 2 – On a Personal Note: Reflections and Thoughts on the End of Empire

(Graeme Davison, *Monash University Melbourne*)

## Friday, 12 October

Location: Alte Aula, Muenzgasse 30, Tuebingen

### 9:00-12:00 Panel III: Economy and New Cultural History at the End of Empire

„Ganging-up on Britain“? Australia, Canada and New Zealand  
during Great Britain’s Turn to Europe, 1958-1973  
(Clara-Maria Seltmann, *University of Tuebingen*)

A Brutal Snapping of the Anglo-New Zealand Nexus?  
(David Hall)

John McEwen and the Reordering of Australasian Trade  
Relations in Response to Britain’s Retreat from Empire, 1949-  
1971  
(Philippa Mein-Smith, *University of Tasmania & University of  
Canterbury*)

### 11:20 Commentary

(Jan Eckel, *University of Tuebingen*)