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MDM 2018 Panel: Monies and the State in an Age of Empire

Is money a democratic medium in an age of empire? This panel explores the roles of conflicting and complementary forms of finance in the British and French empires during the Age of Revolution. Participant papers show how even within seemingly monolithic imperial states, multiple monetary regimes could and did coexist. This multiplicity suggests that, historically, people creating monetary alternatives need not control all levers of power in order to effect significant – even revolutionary – change.

Presentations and Discussion

James Livesey – University of Dundee

“Local Debt for Local People: Debt and the Languedoc 1750-1789”

Andrew David Edwards – University of Oxford

“Money to Burn; Money to Spend: A Tale of Two Monies at the Beginning of the American Revolution”

Elizabeth Cross – Georgetown University

“The French East India Company and the Monetary Politics of the French Revolution”

E. George Gallwey – Harvard University

“From Distribution to the Protection of Private Property: The Politics of Money and Credit in the Early United States”

Chair: Stefan Eich – Princeton University