

PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES 2005

SOME DIFFICULTIES OF EMPIRE: Present, Past & Future

Professor Linda Colley

Wednesday 17 August, 6.30pm

Old Arts Building, Theatre D, Building 149,
University of Melbourne
Free entry. Enquiries: 02 6125 4357

History can be viewed as a succession of empires rising, flourishing and falling. But what does the concept of empire mean today, and where is it headed?

As an expert in British history since 1700 and a long-term commentator on the United States, Professor Linda Colley will offer valuable insights into the difficulties of empire in the modern world. In this lecture, she will consider the difficulties of recognising and analysing empire now and in the past, the gap between popular and scholarly understandings of the concept, and the difficulties of performing empire.



Professor Linda Colley is the Shelby M.C. Davis 1958 Professor of History at Princeton University. She has also worked at Cambridge, the London School of Economics, and Yale.

She is the author of numerous articles and books, including *Britons: Forging the Nation 1707-1837* (1992), which won the Wolfson Prize for History. Her latest book is *Captives: Britain, Empire and the World 1600-1850* (2002). She also writes for British and American periodicals and newspapers. In 1999 she delivered the Prime Minister's Millennium Lecture at 10 Downing Street in England.