

# Reframing Modern World History Centering Climate Justice and Colonialism

## Saturday Morning Speaker Series - [Register Here](#)

This engaging series of scholar presentations is designed to help World History teachers rethink our curriculum. It is a part of the effort by the [UC Berkeley History-Social Science Project](#) to reframe the modern world history course with an overarching question that asks “How do we get into right relationship with the planet and each other?” This approach globalizes the investigation of the origins and consequences of the industrial revolution, colonialism, and the resulting climate crisis we face today, while highlighting alternate visions for a sustainable and more just future. *Explore the [course map here](#).*

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### Origins of the Modern World - A Global and Environmental Narrative - [Robert Marks](#)

Sat. November 4, 9:00-11:00 AM on zoom

Robert Marks, Professor Emeritus, History, Whittier College, author of *Origins of the Modern World: A Global and Environmental Narrative from the Fifteenth to the Twenty-First Century*

Challenging the traditional narratives of the “rise of the West” and the Industrial Revolution, Marks constructs a global history that de-centers Europe and integrates the role of, and impact on, the environment.

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### A Global Perspective on World War II

[Daniel Immerwahr](#)

Sat. December 9, 9:00-11:00 AM on zoom

Daniel Immerwahr, Bergen Evans Professor, Northwestern University, best-selling author of *How to Hide an Empire: A History of the Greater United States*.

Immerwahr asks us to reframe the global conflicts of the 20th century from “Democracy vs. Fascism” to one of “Empire vs. Liberation”. Doing so forces us to reconsider our view of the geography of the war, and extend our time frame to include the post WWII anti-colonial struggles.

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### Neoliberalism, the New Face of Colonialism

[Hossein Ayazi](#)

Sat. February 10, 9:00-11:00 AM on zoom

Ayazi is a Senior Researcher with the Global Justice Program at the Othering & Belonging Institute at the University of California, Berkeley.

Ayazi explores neoliberalism as a new formation of racial and colonial capitalism; a response to capitalist crisis and ascendant revolutionary-socialist struggles between the mid- to late-20th century; and a key basis of the climate crisis today.

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### Global Action for Climate Justice - [Vasna Ramasar](#)

Sat. April 13, 9:00-11:00 AM on zoom

Ramasar is the Program Director for the Culture, Power and Sustainability International Masters at Lund University in Sweden.

Ramasar currently is focused on social and environmental justice looking at just transitions and alternatives to development. Her projects look at women's resistance to extractivism; workers as agents of change, and navigating justice claims in the energy transition..