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Empires and Global History: Extending Time and Extending Space

Lectures by Jane Burbank and Frederick Cooper, NYU

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Jane Burbank (Ph.D, Harvard) taught at Harvard University, University of California at Santa Barbara, University of Michigan (where she directed the Center for Russian and East European Studies), before coming to NYU in 2002. She has been a visiting professor at the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris; the Ecole Normale Supérieure de Cachan; and the Humboldt University, Berlin. Frederick Cooper (Ph.D, Yale) taught at the University of Michigan from 1982 until 2001. He has been a fellow at the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences (1990-91, 1995-96, 2002-03), the Wilson Center (1987), the Rockefeller Study Center in Bellagio (2006), the Institut d'Etudes Avancées de Nantes (2009), and the Wissenschaftskolleg in Berlin (2010-11). He has also been a visiting professor at the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, the Ecole Normale Supérieure, and Université de Paris VII.

Cooper, a historian of Africa, and Burbank, a historian of Russia, began to collaborate on a graduate course that sought to counter both the national and the modern bias of most historical studies, via a study of the most durable form of political organization in world history—empires. Teaching this course in turn encouraged Cooper and Burbank to write a book, *Empires in World History: Power and the Politics of Difference*, published in 2010. It won the World History Association prize for 2011 and is being translated into five languages.

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