



March 31, 2021

**Lecture Course: The European Conquest of North America and the Establishment of Colonial Societies**

Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Dear Students,

The Corona Pandemic continues to affect teaching in the upcoming summer semester, including my lecture course **The European Conquest of North America and the Establishment of Colonial Societies**. Pursuant to Heidelberg University's Corona regulations, I will teach the course with the help of our Moodle platform. This will happen in the following way:

- Students need to sign up for the course on Moodle. The password is **ColonialSocieties\_2021**. Please register as soon as possible.
- The course comprises 13 topical lectures, beginning April 12, 2021 and ending July 12, 2021.
- Each week you will find a power point presentation on the scheduled topic. Each slide of the presentation includes an audio file with text related to the slide. This gives you the opportunity to listen to the lectures whenever it is convenient for you. You will also be able to listen to the lectures multiple times.
- In addition to the presentations we will open a forum on Moodle that will allow you to ask questions and offer comments on the lectures.
- Exams are planned for July 19, 2021. As of now, it is impossible to predict if any exams, oral or written, can be held in person. Depending on the public health situation, we will inform you about the exams in due time.
- For 2 credit points students need to take a short (3 to 5 minutes) oral exam that will not be graded. For 4 credit points students need to take a written exam of 90 minutes or an oral exam of 15 minutes. These exams will be graded. What type of exam you need to take depends on the requirements of your program. It is your responsibility to find out about this.

- You need to register for the exams in advance. We will notify you about the registration period and mode.
- In June 2021 I will distribute a list of 20 names, concepts, terms etc. that will help you prepare for the exams. Everything will be self-explanatory and manageable.
- I strongly encourage you to visit the course platform regularly and watch out for additional materials and information.

Finally, let me assure you that we are all committed to make the best of the current situation. It is challenging and difficult experience for all of us. Personally, I wish we could return to lecture halls and class rooms. Yet the health and safety of our communities, friends and families must enjoy precedence in this crisis. I ask for your cooperation, patience, and assistance. If you have any suggestions, please let me know.

With best wishes,



(Prof. Dr. Manfred Berg)