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Imperialism, the Social Sciences, and Anthropology

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<http://www.openanthropology.org/ANTH601/essay1.pdf>]

While it has not been unheard of to argue that colonialism structured the relationship between anthropologists and non-Western peoples in the past, the focus of this initial section of the course has been on imperialism, and imperial knowledge formations.

Please describe, explain, and assess the connections drawn between imperialism, the emergence of the social sciences, and the ways in which anthropology fits within that historical context.

You should not aim for a series of (possibly disjointed) summaries of all of the readings, nor is a complete and faithful overview of each article or chapter expected. Aim for synthesis. Focus on common threads, key debates, central questions, leading concepts. Hopefully, class discussions will have provided a good guide to possible ways of integrating the material into one "story."

Format:

The *maximum* allowed length for the body of this essay is 5 pages.

Format: double-spaced, Times New Roman, 12 pt. font, with 1-inch margins on all sides of the paper, stapled, with your name on the paper.

Do not use footnotes or endnotes, for any purpose.

Citation & references format (clickable link on the course website for essay1.pdf):

<http://www.library.mcgill.ca/human/SUBGUIDE/pdf/turab.pdf>

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