

This seminar will explore various exchanges and transformations in the wake of the Encounter between Europe and the western hemisphere. Students will study individual instances—architecture, devotional practices, understandings of human nature, plants, diseases—of influence, translation, adaptation, or exchange.

Each member of the seminar will choose one instance of contact/exchange/adaptation/translation—how you conceptualize the relationship of Europe and the Western hemisphere is at the very center of the thinking we shall be doing in this course. Weekly meetings will address specific problems of research: conceptual models; identifying and locating sources; finding the relevant scholarship on one's topic; reading sources; asking questions; formulating a research paper; discussing problems in writing up one's findings; polishing the final essay.

The final paper—6250 words, not including the bibliography and notes, double-spaced, in 12-point New York Times font—is due in class, December 13.

Required Books (📖):

J.H. Elliott, *The Old World and the New* (prefer second edition)
Stuart B. Schwartz, editor, *Implicit Understandings* (Cambridge, 1994)

Meetings:

September 6 Preliminaries

September 13 no class meeting: begin search for the focus of your research

September 20 Paradigms I

📖 J.H. Elliott, *The Old World and the New*

🔗 attend one of Memorial Library's Historical Research Workshops:
http://www.ohrd.wisc.edu/reg/catalog_course.aspx?groupcoursekey=31638

September 27 Paradigms II

📖 *Implicit Understandings*

October 4 Initial proposals: five minute oral reports

October 11 Identifying sources: five minute oral reports

October 18 Historiography: five minute oral reports

October 25 Theorizing exchange: oral reports on model of exchange/translation/contact/?

November 1 Bibliographies: initial reports on the literature on your topic

November 8 Blocking the draft: initial reports

November 15 Critiquing rough drafts: writing partners' reports

November 22 Critiquing rough drafts: writing partners' reports

November 29 Last questions

December 6 Final papers: five minute reports

December 13 Final papers: five minute reports, papers due