Support colonial and postcolonial studies through a global cross section of politics and society throughout the eighteenth, nineteenth, and twentieth centuries.
Uncover 250 years of colonial history. With the following collections, students and researchers can bear witness to both sides of the colonial relationship: global powers whose main priority was the acquisition of commodities, wealth, and labour; and the local people living under colonial rule. Three new and forthcoming *Gale Primary Sources* collections, including the first part of a new series within the renowned *State Papers Online* program and new collections within *Archives Unbound*, shed light on the underrepresented voices of cultures working to maintain their identity under colonial rule. Researchers can use these digitised primary sources to trace the world’s colonial past and its impact on the present day.

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- Establish comparative arguments and counternarratives to illuminate better research.
- Spark new findings from rare, never-before-digitised media, make sense of history as it happened—and inform current events.
STATE PAPERS ONLINE COLONIAL: ASIA, PART I: FAR EAST, HONG KONG, AND WEI-HAI-WEI

This landmark collection marks the first part of a major new series focusing on colonised territories in Asia that brings 3,700 volumes of British Colonial Office files to a global audience. These working documents sourced from The National Archives chronicle administration and governance by the British colonisers, as well as the local affairs of each of the Asian kingdoms living under British-style institutions for law, health, education, policing, defence, agriculture, and industry. The colonial history recorded on these pages continues to influence these now-independent countries through chosen strategic alliances, institutional structures, and how they deal with their colonial legacy today.

ABOUT THE COLLECTION:
- **Size:** Approximately 390,000 pages
- **Source:** The National Archives, United Kingdom
- **Date Range:** 1570–1967 (80% covering the twentieth century)
- **Language:** Majority in English
- **Newly Digitised Materials:** 100% new, full-colour scanning
- **Search Handwritten Text:** Includes Gale’s cutting-edge HTR technology
- **Support Digital Humanities Initiatives:** Integrates with Gale Digital Scholar Lab

TOPICAL COVERAGE
- Southeast Asian kingdoms
- Southeast Asian local agriculture and industry
- European trade and exploration
- Sino-British relations
- East-West relations
- East India Company
- Opium wars
- History of British colonies and the British Empire
- Postcolonialism, nation and states
- World War II Asian theater
- The rise and establishment of communism in Asia

COVERAGE INCLUDES:
- WWII Asian theater, when Japan occupied the majority of Southeast Asia.
- Colonial and postcolonial history of Southeast Asia, specifically the British colonial administration and governance followed by the early years of independence, and the British Empire and its aftermath.
- Themes such as exploration, trade, treatment of Indigenous peoples, international relations, and industry.
- Three document series on maps from the Colonial Office files.
- A series of secret dispatches and telegrams (CO 537).
- The annual printed Colonial Office List (1862–1966), which lists Colonial Office and local ministers and officials (e.g., the authors and recipients of the documents). This content is searchable and browsable as individual volumes.

Released in two parts, China and the Modern World: Imperial China and the West is digitized primarily from the FO 17 series of British Foreign Office Files held at the UK National Archives, providing a vast and significant primary source for researching every aspect of Chinese-British/Western relations during the nineteenth century, ranging from diplomacy and war to trade, piracy, riots and rebellions within China, international law, treaty ports and informal empires, the coolie trade and Chinese emigration, as well as translation and cross-cultural communication. The archive documents many significant historical events that are key to any student of Chinese history.

ABOUT THE COLLECTION:

Size: c.1.1 million (Part I: 532,000; Part II: over 600,000)
Source: The National Archives, United Kingdom
Support Digital Humanities Initiatives: Integrates with Gale Digital Scholar Lab
Instructional Support: Optimised for the classroom with NEW Learning Center
Search Handwritten Text: Benefits from Gale’s cutting-edge HTR technology

TOPICAL COVERAGE

Major historical events and topics are covered in the archive, including:
- The Sino-Soviet Ili crisis and the Treaty of St. Petersburg (1881)
- The training of Chinese naval officers in the UK
- The First Sino-Japanese War (1894–1895)
- King Gojong of Korea taking refuge in Russian legation
- The Boxer Rebellion and the signing of the Peking Protocol (1900–1901)
- Railway development and international competition
- Piracy in the China Seas
- The Panthay Rebellion
- Chinese emigration

EXPLORE CHINA AND THE MODERN WORLD

China and the Modern World comprises a series of digital archive collections sourced from preeminent libraries and archives across the world, including the Second Historical Archives of China in Nanjing, the UK National Archives, and the British Library. The series covers an important period of Chinese history—from the early 1800s to the late 1900s—when China experienced a radical and often traumatic transformation from an inward-looking imperial dynasty into a globally engaged modern nation.

Consisting of monographs, manuscripts, periodicals, photographs, maps, and other types of historical documents primarily in English with some in Chinese, French, German, Japanese, and Thai, China and the Modern World aims to present a repertoire of rare and never before digitized primary source collections that will facilitate the understanding and research of the various aspects of China during the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

Themes running through these collections include but are not limited to diplomacy, trade, politics, Chinese-Western communication and conflicts/wars, China’s relations with her neighbors in East Asia, South & Southeast Asia, and Inner Asia in the context of Western imperialism and colonialism, as well as China’s internal riots and rebellions, reform efforts, and revolutionary activities. Other interesting topics revealed by the series include Christianity and missionaries, translation & sinology, treaty ports and informal empires, Chinese emigration, and railway building, to name just a few.
GALE DIGITAL SCHOLAR LAB
Expanding the Possibilities of Traditional Research

Collaborating with librarians, academics and students, Gale continuously works to develop and enhance *Gale Digital Scholar Lab*, a cloud-based, text and data mining research environment.

The *Lab* enables students and researchers to apply natural language processing tools to raw text data (OCR) from Gale’s Primary Sources in a single research platform - to learn new methods of studying and researching in the humanities and social sciences.

**Remove Barriers to Digital Humanities:**
Since its launch in 2018, *Gale Digital Scholar Lab* has promoted digital scholarship for all. With help from a newly refreshed interface and streamlined tools, the platform sets users of all skill levels right to work with accessible and intuitive workflows that help analyse any plain-text data, regardless of technical experience.

**Harness the Power of Data-Led Scholarship:**
With *Gale Digital Scholar Lab*, the sourcing, cleaning, and analysis of millions of pages of content in *Gale Primary Sources* have evolved using enhanced visualisation techniques and natural language processing.

**Boost Usage of Your Library’s Institutional Investment:**
Libraries that use *Gale Digital Scholar Lab* to analyse their *Gale Primary Sources* holdings have consistently increased usage of and familiarity with this content.

**NOW RESEARCHERS CAN:**

- **Expand Their Search:** Exploit updated search options to mine the institution’s *Gale Primary Sources* holdings.
- **Differentiate Their Workflow:** Optimised layouts for *Gale Digital Scholar Lab*’s Build, Clean, Analyze framework provide more interactivity with visualisations, enabling enhanced exploration of topics.
- **Assess at a Glance:** The new Analysis Dashboard provides researchers with an at-a-glance view of their work.
- **Access Their Work Quickly:** With Shibboleth authentication, users can log in using their university credentials for a simplified experience.
- **Acquire New Digital Skills for the Workforce:** The comprehensive Learning Center is continually updated with revised content and multimedia, as well as the inclusion of sample projects, to promote the development of digital literacy in the classroom and help satisfy learning outcomes for job readiness.
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**Cross-Search Among an Unprecedented Number of Gale Primary Sources Collections**: Gale is migrating each of its archives to a unified environment that supports dynamic search, among other powerful benefits. The result? Your institution can offer new research possibilities, all on one cohesive interface.

**View OCR Side by Side**: With downloadable plain-text OCR now viewable alongside each scanned image—with a built-in confidence score—users can search their library’s Gale Primary Sources holdings, read through its associated OCR quickly, then export the plain text for further analysis, such as within Gale Digital Scholar Lab.

**Browse Collection**: On select archives, users can browse the collections instead of using search options for additional entry points to the content they need.

The hand-written material included in China and the Modern World: Imperial China and the West, and State Papers Online Colonial: Asia, Part I all have HTR applied, enabling unexpected discoveries not possible from traditional finding aids. This technology makes the documents in this collection more accessible to those without paleography skills and enables powerful inclusion in digital humanities/scholarship projects.
DECOLONIZATION: POLITICS AND INDEPENDENCE IN FORMER COLONIAL AND COMMONWEALTH TERRITORIES

For the first time, students and researchers can use primary sources of twentieth-century organisational and political movements to explore decolonisation as a historical process. Offer access to firsthand perspectives of local players who helped over 70 recently decolonised nations change and adapt their systems for government, trade, finance, law, and more as they forged their country’s new direction. Vital for comparative research, historians and analysts can now draw distinctions between different political movements within newly independent countries in Africa, the Caribbean, South Asia, Southeast Asia, and southern Europe and compare how and why self-rule developed differently by region.

ARCHIVE HIGHLIGHTS:

- Supports Cross-Disciplinary Studies: Content is primarily in English and is relevant to faculty and researchers within area studies, anthropology, history, international relations, political science, transnational studies, and sociology.

- Greater Perspectives and Representation: Provides an opportunity for less Eurocentric readings of decolonisation through access to non-Western primary source material produced by, for, and about the people and politics of the countries represented.

- Relevance to Academic Trends: Responds to increased interest in once-neglected areas of academia, such as African history and politics, as well as the history and politics of former colonies beyond colonialism.

- Broad Regional Focus: Illuminates a wide geographical reach, from Aden to Zanzibar, including regions that are often underrepresented in primary source collections.

COVERAGE INCLUDES:

- The development of party politics and other local and national movements in former colonies and dominions across Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Oceania, and the Americas.

- Voices of influential figures in the development of modern political thought, such as Cheddi Jagan, Nelson Mandela, and Eric Williams.

- Information on trade unionism and international links between organisations.

- Significant events such as the strikes in Guyana in 1953 and 1964; protests around civil rights in India in the 1940s and 1950s; moments of political violence in South Africa, Grenada, Zimbabwe, and much more.

- Debates around economic development and government policy, particularly those of Australia, New Zealand, Canada, and India.

- Discussion and development of national constitutions alongside election manifestos from many parties.

ABOUT THE COLLECTION:

Size: Approximately 300,000 pages

Sources: Senate House, United Kingdom; Trade Union Congress Library, London Metropolitan University (subject files); and Nuffield College, University of Oxford

Date Range: 1898–2017 (majority mid-twentieth century)

Newly Digitised Materials: 100% new scanning

Support Digital Humanities Initiatives: Integrates with Gale Digital Scholar Lab

Comprising records of the State Department’s Central Classified Files, this collection contains records relating to the internal affairs of Indochina during the period 1945–1949. The records include instructions sent to and correspondence received by the State Department; the State Department’s internal documentation as well as correspondence between the Department and other federal departments and agencies, Congress, and private individuals and organizations; telegrams, airgrams, instructions, inquiries, studies, memoranda, situation reports, translations, special reports, plans, and official and unofficial correspondence.

LIBERIA AND THE U.S.: NATION-BUILDING IN AFRICA, 1864–1918

This series consists of correspondence and telegrams received and sent by the United States’ diplomatic post in Liberia. The topics covered by these records include all aspects of relations with Liberia and interactions of American citizens with the Liberian government and people.

POLICING THE SHANGHAI INTERNATIONAL SETTLEMENT, 1894–1945

This collection provides researchers with the opportunity to explore a unique period in China’s struggle toward a modern existence through the International Settlement in Shanghai.

ABOUT ARCHIVES UNBOUND

Since its inception in 2009, the Archives Unbound program has published more than 230 titles, each a topical collection for scholars engaged in serious research. The strengths of the catalogue include U.S. foreign policy, U.S. civil rights, modern history, and colonial studies.

Many of the collections in Archives Unbound showcase the colonial history of a world region. These include documents on early European colonialism in the early twentieth-century in Asia and the Pacific, colonial warfare on the frontiers of India, and colonialism and nationalism in the Dutch East Indies.
William Ashmore, Jr. embarked upon a Baptist missionary career in his father’s territory, the Swatow District in Bangkok, Siam. Here, he worked as an administrator and teacher at the mission and translated the Bible into Swatow’s Tei-chi dialect. The Ashmore Family Papers are divided into eight series, arranged by family members and by medium. This collection consists of correspondence; writings by and about William and his wife, Lida Ashmore, and other members of their family; memorabilia; photographs; and artwork. Some of the most important pieces are those that highlight William Jr.’s achievements as a translator and member of a long history of missionary service in South China.

Jay Charles Oliver served as Young Men’s Christian Association (YMCA) secretary in Hangchow and Shanghai, China, from 1917 to 1943. He also served as district inspector of the Inspectorate of Salt Revenue in China from 1934 to 1936. He was interned in the Chapei Civil Assembly Center near Shanghai, repatriated upon the MS Gripsholm, and returned to the United States with his wife, Lucile, in 1943. The collection comprises papers of Jay C. and Lucile C. Oliver, including family and professional correspondence, personal and travel diaries, and official records of the YMCA and the Salt Inspectorate in China.

Arthur M. Guttery (1885–1981) was both an organizer and missionary for the YMCA in the United States and China. Beginning his career with the YMCA in the U.S., Guttery and his wife, Myrtle, departed for the “Y” location in Hankow, China, in 1913. Here he was both preacher and teacher in the language school. For 15 years, the Rev. Guttery served as general secretary for the YMCA and helped to organise and establish the program when Wuhan was at the centre of a rising tide of Communism. He then returned to the US and continued to serve with the YMCA until 1948. This collection contains Guttery’s sermons, religious addresses, essays on China, correspondence, and memoirs of YMCA workers in China.
Nigeria, the most populous country in Africa, was an early-twentieth-century colony that became an independent nation in 1960. This collection marks the adoption of a new constitution and parliamentary form of government upon its independence and the period of political scandal, corruption, and social unrest that followed—even as improvements to infrastructure and economic development proceeded.

The Congo (Zaire between 1965 and 1971; presently called the Democratic Republic of the Congo) has long been considered significant because of its location, natural resources, economic potential, and borders—thereby connecting the region to political entanglements across the continent, from Libya and Egypt to South Africa. The papers collected here chronicle the politically turbulent period that followed the country’s independence in 1960.

After World War II, colonial opposition among French West Africa population resulted, in 1960, in the new independent nations of Senegal, Mali Federation, Côte d’Ivoire, Niger, Upper Volta, and Dahomey. The files in this collection are the definitive source of American diplomatic reporting on political, military, social, and economic developments in this region. It contains various materials from United States diplomats, including special reports on political and military affairs; studies and statistics on socioeconomic matters; interviews and minutes of meetings with foreign government officials; full texts of letters, instructions, and cables sent and received; reports and translations from foreign newspapers; and high-level foreign government documents.
EUROPEAN COLONIALISM IN THE EARLY 20TH CENTURY: COLONIALISM AND NATIONALISM IN THE DUTCH EAST INDIES, 1910–1930

During the early twentieth century, the Dutch East Indies experienced the replacement of company rule by Dutch government rule and the complete transformation of Java into a colonial society, as well as the successful extension of colonial rule to Sumatra and the eastern archipelago. This collection comprises correspondence, studies and reports, cables, maps, and other documents related to U.S.-consular activities in the region.

EUROPEAN COLONIALISM IN THE EARLY 20TH CENTURY: FRENCH COLONIALISM IN AFRICA: FROM ALGERIA TO MADAGASCAR, 1910–1930

U.S. Consulates were listening to posts reporting on the activities of the French colonial government and the activities of the native peoples. This collection comprises correspondence, studies and reports, cables, maps, and documents related to U.S.-consular activities.

EUROPEAN COLONIALISM IN THE EARLY 20TH CENTURY: GERMAN COLONIES IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC: FROM COLONIALISM TO JAPANESE MANDATES, 1910–1929

After German colonies in the Asia-Pacific region were seized, U.S. Consulates were listening to posts reporting on the activities of the German colonial governments, and later, the mandate authorities and the activities of the native peoples. This collection compiles their observations.

EUROPEAN COLONIALISM IN THE EARLY 20TH CENTURY: ITALIAN COLONIES IN NORTH AFRICA AND AGGRESSION IN EAST AFRICA, 1930–1939

Fascist tenets in Italian colonial policy were used in the administration and treatment of the African population in Libya, Eritrea, Somalia, and Italian East Africa leading up to the Second World War. This collection comprises correspondence, studies and reports, cables, maps, and other related documents.

EUROPEAN COLONIALISM IN THE EARLY 20TH CENTURY: POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC CONSOLIDATION OF PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN AFRICA, 1910–1929

German colonial aspirations in Africa ended after the First World War and its colonial territories came under the authority of French and British forces and granted mandate status to Great Britain under the Treaty of Versailles. This collection comprises correspondence, studies and reports, cables, maps, and other documents related to U.S.-consular activities throughout this period.
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