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Dear Colleagues,

The latest issue of *Ab Imperio* (1/2022) is now available at <https://muse.jhu.edu/issue/47886>

This issue begins *Ab Imperio*'s 2022 annual thematic program, "The Rise and Fall of the State as an Institution and an Analytical Concept." The theme of this opening issue, "*The Neverending Story of State-Building: Who Was Making the Power Work and How?*," revisits the history of this elusive phenomenon of the modern state and its foundations, driving forces, and prospects in the wake of the perspective of the postnational society.

This issue also contains an extensive forum "Has History Betrayed Us? Debating Historical Narratives through the Prism of Russia's War against Ukraine" in which participants - historians from Britain, Germany, Japan, Kazakhstan, and the United States, - discuss the related question of whether Russia's past and the discipline of Russian history have predetermined the war with Ukraine. They also offer their views on the prospects of our field and the course of its possible reformation.

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"Methodology and Theory" section:

"Trickster and Rashism" by **Mark Lipovetsky**.

“What Do We Write about When We Write about Ukraine?” by **Iaroslav Hrytsak**.

Forum AI: “Debating Historical Narratives through the Prism of Russia’s War against Ukraine”:

“Russia as an Epistemic Frame” by **Andy Byford**.

“The War against Ukraine, the Problem of Communication Strategies, and Its Challenges for European Historiography” by **Jörg Requate**.

“The Concept of Empire and German Sonderwege in the Historical Debate about Ukraine” by **Martin Schulze Wessel**.

“Vision and Horror: Eastern European History in Germany from the Fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989 to Russia’s Attack on Ukraine in 2022” by **Martin Aust**.

“Eastern European History in Germany as a Discipline, or: Transnational Historiography in Times of War” by **Anke Hilbrenner**.

“On Decentering Soviet Studies and Launching New Conversations” by **Botakoz Kassymbekova**.

“Unmasking Imperial History: Emotional Empire, Violent Politics of Difference, and Independence Movements in the Name of Autonomy” by **Tomohiko Uyama**.

“Of Imperialisms Soft, Hard, and Complicated” by **Willard Sunderland**.

“**History**” section:

“Defending Polish Liberties: A Conceptual and Diplomatic History of the Ottoman Declaration of War on Russia in 1768” by **Yusuf Ziya**

Karabıçak.

“American Russia: Fur Seals, Empire, and Conflict in the Northern Pacific after 1867” by **Robert Kindler**.

“The Failure of the “Soybean Revolution” in the USSR” by **Natalia Ryzhova**.

“Everyday Life of the Red Army: From the Finnish to the Great Patriotic Wars” by **Elizaveta Khatanzeiskaia**.

The issue also contains an extended section of **book reviews**.

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