

Alexander von **Humboldt's** **Empire of** **knowledge**

Enlightenment Science in the Frame of Politics

Prussian explorer Alexander von Humboldt (1769-1859) was a key figure in the globalization of science through the creation of intra-European and transatlantic networks. His extraordinary impact on the progress of science, however, extended beyond his contribution to particular fields of knowledge and into conflicting political interests of the Spanish and American empires in the early 19th Century.

This lecture analyzes the delicate balance that Humboldt struck between science and politics on the occasion of the scientists 250th anniversary.

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Paterson Hall 303, 7-9 p.m.

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