

Call for Papers
**“The United States and Global Capitalism in the Twentieth
Century”**

March 8th to 10th, 2018

Fordham University’s O’Connell Initiative on the Global History of Capitalism invites paper proposals for a symposium on “The United States and Global Capitalism in the Twentieth Century.” The conference will be held at Fordham’s Lincoln Center campus in Midtown Manhattan from Thursday, March 8th to Saturday, March 10th, 2018.

Intense exchanges of people, goods, ideas, and capital occurred in tandem with the rise of American global power in the twentieth century. These transformations had great consequences in the United States and the world and have led historians to ask probing questions: In what ways and to what extent did global capitalism transform American lives and policy at home and abroad? How did American businesses understand opportunities abroad and the role of the U.S. government in facilitating their investments and profits? How did key American industries help shape international policies and what were the limits to their power? How did imperialism, warfare, decolonization, the Cold War, and development paradigms transform American perceptions about the relationship between the global capitalist economy and foreign relations? What were the origins and political trajectories of capitalist ideology that influenced U.S. foreign relations? How did capitalism as a social system affect how different groups of American citizens understood their place in the world?

This conference seeks papers that address these questions or others that reside at the intersection of the histories of global capitalism and U.S. foreign relations in the twentieth century.

Applicants should send a 250-word abstract and 1-page cv to cdietrich2@fordham.edu by March 31, 2017, with notification by April 15, 2017. The selected conferees will turn in a draft of their paper for pre-circulation by February 15, 2018. Finalized essays will be due in August 2018 for publication in an edited volume.