

Summary

“Colonialism and violence: the Portuguese and Spanish experiences”

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In this presentation we will offer an overview of the colonial experience of Portugal and Spain in the 19th and 20th centuries, from the independence of most of their overseas possessions in the Americas to the imperial endgame of the 1960s and 1970s. The presentation will allow the audience to understand how violence was at the heart of the Iberian imperial projects, both as a way to overcome local resistances, exercise population control, extract economic benefits and perpetuate their hegemony.

We will use a visual power-point presentation and identify some historical sources that might be used as classroom materials.