This conference explores the shadowy realms of the Atlantic that connected four continents but also disrupted its various imperial structures. The participants will investigate important historical and historiographical questions about the nature of unlawful exchanges and the relationship between settler-colonists, pirates, and smugglers in the creation of “illicit Atlantic worlds” beyond state control.

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Ahmanson Room, Brody Botanical Center

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Pirates and Piracy

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Carla Gardina Pestana (University of California, Los Angeles)
Guy Chat (University of North Texas)

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"The Location of Law: Armed Commerce at the Center and Periphery of Empire"

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**Niklas Frykman (University of Pittsburgh)**
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**Moderator:**
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**Charles Fox (Eastern Illinois University)**
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Elga Gould (University of New Hampshire)
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Mark G. Hanna

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