Explore problems in the history of globalization. Learn how contemporary problems and opportunities of globalization reflect long-term—some even over a thousand-year long—processes marked by patterns, interruptions, recurrences and continuities even within radical change.

Asia, Europe and Africa have been interconnected since the Bronze Age. Trade, microbes, political power and religions formed then, as today, the principal matrix in which interdependence and conflict developed.

How have empires evolved? Are we seeing the decline of the American ‘empire’? Is Asia returning to economic centrality that it had until early modern times?
What have we learnt historically from pandemics?
How different is the environmental and climate crisis today from the Little Ice Age c.1650-1850? Technology has often been a driver of change; can humans continue to ‘conquer’ nature so we may keep extracting resources from an exhausted earth?