

Center of Excellence "Cultural Foundations of Integration"
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Workshop

History of Commodities and Commodity Chains

University of Konstanz, February 26-28, 2009

Time Schedule (provisional)

Thursday, February 26		University of Konstanz, Room V 1001
18:00	Opening	Jürgen Osterhammel / Bernd-Stefan Grewe (Konstanz)
18.30 – 19:30	Keynote Lecture	Marcel van der Linden (Amsterdam): <i>Commodity Chains: A New Field for Historical Research</i>
Friday, February 27		University of Konstanz, Room V 1001
9:00- 10:45	Working for the World	Willem van Schendel/ Ulbe Bosma/ Ratna Saptari (Amsterdam): <i>Plants, People and Work: The Social History of Cash Crops in Asia, 18th to 20th century</i> Anne Gerritsen (Warwick): <i>Global Jingdezhen: Local Manufactures and Early Modern Global Connections</i>
11:15 – 12:45	Early Modern and Modern Patterns of Consumption	Annerose Menninger (Heidelberg/Munich): <i>Stimulants as Pleasure Remedies: Tobacco, Coffee, Tea and Chocolate in Intercultural Perspective (16th to 18th century)</i> Ragnhild Hutchison (Florence): <i>Tobacco as a Consumer Goods in 18th century Norway</i> Georg Stöger (Salzburg): <i>Consumption and Retail of Second-Hand Commodities in Pre-Modern Urban Europe (ca. 1600-1810)</i>
14:00 – 15:30	Precious Commodities: Diamonds and Ivory	Karin Hofmeester (Amsterdam): <i>Diamonds are Forever – on the Move</i> Kim Siebenhüner (Basel): <i>Jewels: Commodity chains and material culture, 1500 - 1700</i> Jonas Kranzer (Konstanz): <i>Elephants and Pianos: the Commodity Chain of Ivory</i>

16:00 – 17:30	Cotton and Textiles	<p>Giorgio Riello (Warwick): <i>Cotton Textiles as Global Commodities (1200-1800)</i></p> <p>Sven Beckert (Harvard): <i>King Cotton</i></p> <p>Silvia Ruschak (Vienna): <i>Fabrics that Create Global Dressing History: South Ghanaian Female Dressing in Historical Perspective</i></p>
Saturday, February 28		University of Konstanz, Room IBZ II
9:00- 10:45	Drilling, Digging and Mining: Oil, Copper and Gold	<p>Touraj Atabaki/ Peyman Jafrai/ Reza Jafrai (Amsterdam): <i>The Commodity Chain of Oil</i></p> <p>Jan-Frederik Abbeloos (Gent): <i>The Belgian Governance of the Katangese Copper Value Chain after World War I</i></p> <p>Bernd-Stefan Grewe (Konstanz): <i>Golden Strings: Men, Mines and Markets in the 20th Century</i></p>
11:15 – 12:45	Trade	<p>Jonathan Curry-Machado (London): <i>'Commodities of Empire': a Presentation</i></p> <p>Sandip Hazareesingh (London): <i>Interconnected Synchronicities: Commodity Imperatives and the Production of Bombay and Glasgow as Modern Global Ports in the 19th Century</i></p> <p>Christof Dejung (Konstanz/Zurich): <i>The Role of Multinational Traders in the Commodity Chain of Coffee: The Swiss Merchant House Volkart Brothers, 1930s-1980s</i></p>
14:00 – 15:30	Modern Stimulants: Coffee, Tee and Chocolate	<p>Bhaswati Bhattacharya (Amsterdam): <i>From Cup to Plantation: Social history of Coffee and Tee in South and South East Asia (1850s-today)</i></p> <p>Angelika Epple (Bielefeld): <i>Chocolate: the Social Life of a Global Product</i></p> <p>Dorothee Wierling (Hamburg): <i>The Coffee Commodity Chain and its Links - The Place of Hamburg Merchants in the Coffee Trade 1880 to 1980</i></p>
16:00 – 17:30	Final Session and Discussion	Jürgen Osterhammel/ Bernd-Stefan Grewe (Konstanz)