

Agriculture and the Production of the Global South 1900s–1960s

A workshop at the Käte Hamburger Research Centre
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The importance of agriculture and extractive industries to the making of the Global South in the 20th century has been obfuscated by the resonance of modernisation theory, dependency theory and development economics since the Second World War. With this workshop we seek to move beyond the rigid dualism of postwar models of growth and development by excavating processes and trajectories in the Global South and Global North that reveal the importance of agriculture and extractive production to the making of our contemporary world.



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Thursday, 04 April 2024

- 09:00** Welcome coffee
- 09:30** Opening remarks
- 09:45** **The business of agriculture**
Amalia R. Forclaz, Fields of progress: the International Labour Organization and the problem of agriculture, 1920–1950
Clemens Six, The making of agriculture nations in decolonising rural spaces: India, British–Malaya, and the FAO, 1947–1960
Judd Kinzley, International loans and Chinese agricultural products, 1935–1950
Chair: Paula Vedoveli
- 11:00** Coffee break
- 11:15** **Expertise and agriculture (I)**
Emily Osborn, ‘Alive to the needs of the people’: nation-building and the Land Grant University in Sierra Leone, West Africa
Ayala Levin, The global project of rurality: American planning in Africa, 1950s–1980s
Paula Vedoveli, Plainly visible: the making of agricultural economies through visual economic data in Argentina and Brazil, 1900–1940
Chair: Peter Becker
- 12:30** Lunch
- 14:00** **Pathways to specialisation**
Perdana Roswaldy, Profiting off the future loss: land speculation and brokering in Indonesia’s palm oil
Seun Williams, ‘When the flock and herds can make their full contribution to the ... development of the country’: the livestock industry and socio–economic development in colonial Nigeria
Chair: Ayala Levin
- 15:15** Coffee break
- 15:45** **Agriculture and empire**
Michelle Sollai, Droughtscapes of Modernity: A Global Environmental History of Drylands in the Long Green Revolution
Geoffrey Traugh, Protected people: race, rurality and the origins of anticolonial agrarianism in British Africa
Simon Jackson, From Khouribga to the world: contemporary possibilities and methodological problems for a global history of Moroccan phosphate in the era of decolonisation
Chair: Matthias Leanza
- 19:00** Dinner

Friday, 05 April 2024

- 08:30** Welcome coffee
- 09:00** **Expertise and agriculture (II)**
Hannah Tyler, Land grab united? The USDA, Cornell and the transnational emergence of South African agricultural economics (1920–1950)
Carolina Hormaza, Forecasting agriculture: German geography on agrarian colonization in Latin America from 1940 to 1970
Claiton da Silva, The forgotten green revolution: the work of the IRI Research Institute (IRI) in global south countries (1950s–1960s)
Chair: Judd Kinzley
- 10:15** Coffee break
- 10:45** **Nature and nation**
John Gamett, The environment as enemy of the state: wheat rust and the green legend in Mexico, 1899–1943
Tinakrit Sireerat, Nature for the nation? Siam’s Royal Forest Department at the turn of the 20th Century, 1900s–1930s
Tomás Bartoletti, Insect pest control and the gospel of modern agriculture: economic entomology in the Global South, ca. 1880–1940
Chair: Lachlan Fleetwood
- 12:00** Lunch
- 13:45** **Roads to modernisation**
Georg Fischer, Converging frontiers: Bolivian–Brazilian cooperation in agriculture and Infrastructure, 1950s
Elisa Grandi, International credit, trade regulations and land reforms in Colombia: from the bonanza cafeteria to the rural development programs under the Alliance for Progress (1925–1961)
Chair: Tom Menger
- 14:45** Coffee break
- Concluding remarks