
INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP

The Challenge of Resource Imperialism: Labour, Science and Commodities in Circulation

University of Bern

Mittelstrasse 43, Room 172

16-17 October 2019

Organiser: Moritz von Brescius (Bern)

Wednesday 16 October 2019

- 09.15-09.30 **Opening remarks:** Moritz von Brescius
- 09.30-12.30 **Panel I: The art of timing: plant transfers and the management of plantation economies**
- Ulrike Kirchberger** (Kassel): The Temporalities of Species Transfer across the Indian Ocean in the Age of Empire
- Moritz von Brescius** (Bern): Unlocking the Tropics: Gustav Mann, Rubber and the Timing of British Resource Imperialism, 1859–1904
- Andreas Bolte** (Freiburg): Temporal practices of plantation economy in British Malaya and the Dutch East Indies, ca. 1900–1940
- 12.30-14.00 LUNCH BREAK
- 14.00-16.00 **Panel II: Visualising global trade in the age of empire**
- Ulrich Päßler** (Berlin): A Political Economy of Nature: Alexander von Humboldt's Essay on the Fluctuations in the Supplies of Gold
- Iris Schröder** (Erfurt): Mapping the Riches of the Earth: Plants, Infrastructure and Trade, and the Rise of Economic Cartography in the Early 20th Century
- 16.15-17:45 **Keynote lecture: Harry Liebersohn** (Berlin/Illinois):
Global collections: Kensington (London) and the World
(Together with the 'Forschungscolloquium nach 1800', Unitobler, Room F 006)
- Conference Dinner**
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09.15-11.15 **Panel III: Global commodities: trade, manufacturing and consumption**

Rahul Markovits (Paris): Bubble or failed monopolistic strategy? The French Indies' Company and the selling of North-American ginseng in Canton around 1750

Samuel Eleazar-Wendt (Frankfurt/Oder): Rubber Goods in Health: C. Müller Gummiwaren Berlin, 1875-1945

11.15-11.30 COFFEE/TEA

11:30-12.30 **Panel IV: Objects in motion**

Caroline Cornish (London): Accumulate to circulate: cultures of object exchange in late nineteenth-century museums

12:30-13:15 **Concluding Discussion**
Final comments: Peter-Paul Bänziger (Basel)

FAREWELL LUNCH