

December 2-4, 2021

RETHINKING TOBACCO HISTORY: Commodities, Empire and Agency in Global Perspective, 1780–1960

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THURSDAY, 2 DECEMBER 2021

13.30-14.00

Welcome & Introductory Remarks

Alexander van Wickeren (University of Cologne, Germany), Jean Stubbs (University of London, UK), William Clarence-Smith (SOAS University of London, UK)

14.00-14.15

Break

14.15-16.15

PANEL 1: COLONIES IN LOCAL AND GLOBAL TRADE

Chair/ Discussant: Christof Dejung (University of Bern, Switzerland)

- Guido Cioni (Università degli Studi di Napoli Federico II & Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa, both Italy): *Venice between global goods and imperial concerns: The case of tobacco's production in the Ionian islands and the Dalmazia veneta, 1760s-1790s*
- Basma Fahoum (Stanford University, USA): *Informal and Free: Tobacco Smuggling in Twentieth Century Palestine/Israel between Imperialism and Settler Colonialism*
- C. J. Kuncheria (Jawaharlal Nehru University, India): *An Empire of Smoke: Colonial Tobacco in Interwar Britain*
- Sibanengi Ncube (University of the Free State, South Africa): *Southern Rhodesia and the Empire: The Dollar Crisis and Postwar Tobacco Trade Politics, 1947-1960*

16.15-16.30

Break

16.30-18.30

PANEL 2: HISPANIC PARTICULARITIES?

Chair/ Discussant: Vicent Sanz Rozalén (Universitat Jaume I, Spain)

- Johan Sebastián Torres Güiza (Instituto de Investigaciones Dr. José María Luis Mora, Mexico): *The Participation of the New Granada in the Spanish Imperial State Monopoly (1774-1812)*
- Montserrat Gárate Ojanguren (Universidad del País Vasco, Spain): *Tabaco venezolano y hacienda imperial, 1779-1830*
- Santiago de Luxan Mendez & María de los Reyes Hernández Socorro (Universidad de Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Spain): *El modelo cubano del Tabaco y del azúcar. Canarias en la Segunda Globalización. La intervención de los hermanos León y Castillo*
- María Dolores Elizalde (Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas, CSIC, Spain): *From the Establishment to the Abolition of the Tobacco Monopoly in the Philippines, 1781-1881*

FRIDAY, 3 DECEMBER 2021

13.40-13.45

Welcome Back & Day One Recap

Alexander van Wickeren (University of Cologne, Germany)

13.45-15.45

PANEL 3: EMPIRES OF KNOWLEDGE

Chair/ Discussant: Pierre Singaravélou (Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, France)

- Xavier Huetz de Lempis (Côte d'Azur University, France): *Poor man's cigars: Tobacco micro-companies in the Philippines at the end of Spanish colonial period and the beginning of American domination*
- Martin Kalb (Bridgewater College, USA): *Tobacco Fantasies? German Tobacco Cultivation in Southwest Africa*
- Christos Karamatsos (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece) & Nikolaos Alexis (University of Crete, Greece): *Workers, machines, an emerging nation state and a crumbling Empire: The mechanization of the „Greek“ Cigarette Making Industry, (1890-1925)*
- Gnieneretien N. Silué (Université Alassane Ouattara, Ivory Coast): *Le tabac dans la politique coloniale agricole de la France de 1910 jusqu'à la veille de la seconde guerre mondiale*

15.45-16.00

Break

16.00-18.00

PANEL 4: CHANGING LABOUR REGIMES

Chair/ Discussant: Ulrike Lindner (University of Cologne, Germany)

- William A. Morgan (Lone Star College-Montgomery, USA): *Tobacco in the Age of Cuba's Second Slavery*
- Jesse Olsavsky (Duke Kunshan University, China): *Runaway slaves, America's tobacco empire, and abolitionist political economy, 1830-1860*
- Ratna Saptari (Leiden University, Netherlands): *Negotiating Tobacco Production: Tobacco Planters, Peasants and the State in Besoeki, East Java (from the mid-19th to the mid-20th century)*
- Kostas Tziaras (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece): *Tobacco smuggling as a survival network for the poor. The example of Thessaloniki, after the end of the Ottoman period*

SATURDAY, 4 DECEMBER 2021

13.10-13.15

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Alexander van Wickeren (University of Cologne, Germany)

13.15-15.15

PANEL 5: GLOBALIZING CONSUMPTION
Chair/ Discussant: Angelika Epple (Bielefeld University, Germany)

- Laird Jones (Lock Haven University, USA): *East African Tobacco Wars: Marketing machine vs. hand-rolled cigarettes, 1880-1914*
- Emma Thomas (University of New South Wales, Australia): *Tobacco, Power, and Agency in German Colonial New Guinea*
- Relli Shechter (Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Israel): *Prosumption as Glocal History: Inconspicuous Consumption and Cigarette Production in Egypt, 1890-1939*
- Felicity Jenz (University of Munster, Germany): *Collecting colonies with cigarette cards*

15.15-15.30

Break

15.30-15.50

CONCLUDING REMARKS
Kathinka Sinha-Kerkhoff (International Institute of Social History, Netherlands)

15.50-16.30

ROUND TABLE WRAP UP
William Clarence-Smith (SOAS University of London, UK), Jean Stubbs (School of Advanced Study, University of London, UK), Alexander van Wickeren (University of Cologne, Germany)

CONFERENCE FORMAT:

The conference will be held as a Zoom meeting. We will discuss pre-circulated texts instead of oral presentations. Participation in the conference includes reading the texts beforehand. We will send a link to the Zoom session shortly before the conference.

REGISTRATION:

Conference participation is by invitation only. Those who have a specialist interest in attending, please email Alexander van Wickeren (avwicker@uni-koeln.de) before 31 October 2021 outlining the nature of their interest.

ORGANISERS:

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