

FRESH meeting on Colonialism and natural resources

Hosted by the Unit for Economic History, Department of Economy and Society, Gothenburg University

Thursday October 20

Location: Viktoriagatan 13, Room day 1: A252

9:30: welcome

9:45-10:45 session 1

Christopher David Absell, Gothenburg University

Breaking the ties that bind: colonial trade ties and export growth in the poor periphery, 1950-90

Cristián Ducoing, Lund University

"How to avoid the effects of collapsing commodities? Lessons from history"

10:45-11:15 break

11:15-12:45 session 2

Giovanni Costenaro, European University Institute

"Towards an "exploitation globale du globe" ? Italian and West-German business and the beginning of the European development policies towards Africa, 1955-1959."

Gijs Dreijer, Leiden University

Exploiting the (Natural) Resources of Others: The Case of Dutch Investors in the Scramble for Africa (1870s-1910s)

Leo Dolan, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid

FIXING A FLAWED DIAMOND: What we can learn from a Portuguese Colonial diamond mine's late evolution from coercive labour policies to far more inclusive practices.

12.45-14:00 lunch

Handelsrätten Restaurant, School of Business Economics and Law

14:15-15:30 keynote professor Tirthankar Roy, London School of Economics

15:30-16:00 break

16:00-17:00 session 3

Eleonor Marcussen, Linnaeus University

Water and socio-ecological relations: infrastructure and natural resources in central and western India, c.1850-1870

Timo Tapani Särkkä, University of Jyväskylä and **Simon Mollan**, University of York

What the failed development of papyrus-based industry in colonial Sudan can tell us about Institutional support and entrepreneurialism in imperial-era international business

18:30 dinner

Sjöbaren restaurant, Gothenburg

Friday October 21

Location: Viktoriagatan 13, Room day 2: A243

9:00 -10:00 session 4

Magnus Neubert, Martin-Luther-University // Leibniz Institute of Agricultural Development in Transition Economies
Schmalspurwachstum?

The growth effects of narrow-gauge railways in Bosnia-Herzegovina under Habsburg colonialism

Guilherme Lambais, University of Brasilia

Welfare and Real Wages in Bahia, 1572–1920

10:00 – 10:30 break

10:30- 12:00 session 5

Clara Lea Dallaire-Fortier, Lund University

Lives after Mine Closures: The Role of Regulatory Regimes in Canada, 1880-2020

Audrey Gerrard, Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU)

Contract and Consent in Queensland Colonial Lawmaking: The Pacific Islander Employers' Compensation Act and the Long Shadow of Slavery

John Brolin, Lund University

"The ghost acres of capitalism: alleviating land constraints with fish, trade, and coal in pre-industrial Britain"

12:00-13:00 professor Klas Rönnbäck, Gothenburg University