



Commodities of Empire workshop, 'Ports & People in Commodity History', University of Glasgow 5-6 September 2019

Preliminary programme

Thursday 5 September

9:00-10:00 Welcome w/coffee & tea

10:00-11:00 Panel 1: Glasgow's rise as an Atlantic port

Patrick Klinger (University of Kansas), 'Glasgow's Silver Spoon: Herring, Union, and the Rise of Western Scotland (c. 1670-1710)'

Jordan B. Smith (Widener University), 'Scotland's Rum Distilleries and Caribbean Entanglements in the Seventeenth Century'

Discussant: Andrew MacKillop, University of Glasgow

11:00-11:15 Tea break

11:15-12:45 Panel 2: Port connections I

Tamira Combrink (International Institute of Social History), 'Amsterdam's Merchant-Bankers in the Commodity Chains of Sugar and Coffee (18th century)'

Jim Clifford (University of Saskatchewan) & Michèle Dagenais (Université de Montréal), 'Port Development and Trade between the St. Lawrence Valley and the United Kingdom, 1850-1889'

Miel Groten (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam), 'The Rise of Rice in a Waterside Industry: The Zaan Region Rice Mills as Nodes in Transnational Commodity Networks, ca. 1850-1950'

Discussant: Jelmer Vos, UoG

12:45-1:30 Lunch

1:30-3:00 Panel 3: Port connections II

Dan Du (University of North Carolina-Charlotte), 'This World in a Teacup: Weaving a Global Network through the Chinese-American Tea Trade, 1815-1843'

Steven Ivings (Kyoto University), 'Jam, Jute and Japan: Dundee Merchant Capital and the Trade of Northern Japan, 1861-1883'

James Tomlinson (University of Glasgow), 'Supplying "Juteopolis": Dundee and Bengal Jute, circa 1850-1914'

Discussant: W.G. Clarence-Smith, SOAS, London

15:00-15:30 Tea break

15:30-17:00 Panel 4: Ports and intra-regional trade

Maria-Tsampika Lampitsi (University of Cyprus), 'Networks of Provincial Port-Cities in the Late 18th Century Ottoman Empire: A Case Study'

Catherine Phipps (University of Memphis), 'Politicians, Entrepreneurs, and Muscle: Creating Osaka's Asian Trade, 1876-1945'

Daisy Katta (Tata Institute of Social Sciences), 'Histories of Trade and Communities in Transformation: Mapping Trajectories of Trading Ports on the Island of Karanja near Bombay (1880-1960)'

Discussant: Nick Guoth, Australian National University

19:45-20:45 Civic Reception, Glasgow City Chambers

Friday 6 September

9:00-9:30 Coffee/tea

9:30-11:00 Panel 5: Commodities making ports

Alexei Kraikovski (National Research University Higher School of Economics), 'The Ports of Archangelsk and St. Petersburg in the Global Blubber Commerce (17th-18th centuries)'

Wim de Winter & Stan Pannier (Flanders Marine Institute), 'Southern-Netherlandish Prize Papers as a Source on French Colonial Commodities at Sea during the War of the Spanish Succession and the Seven Years War'

Tristan Oestermann (Humboldt University, Berlin), 'From Backwater to Boomtown and Back: How Rubber Made and Unmade Kribi the Most Important Port of German Cameroon, 1870-1914'

Discussant: Jonathan Curry-Machado, University of London

11:00-11:15 Tea break

11:15-12:45 Panel 6: People making ports

Henry Kam Kah (University of Buea), 'Cameroonian Agency in Bota/Tiko Ports in British Southern Cameroon'

G. Roger Knight (University of Adelaide), 'Commodities, a Colonial Port and the Scots Diaspora: Callum McLean (1903-1990) and Mercantile Business in Surabaya, East Java during the Inter-War Decades'

Steve Cushion (independent researcher), 'Dock Workers and the Cuban Revolution, 1948-1959'

Discussant: Margarette Lincoln, Goldsmiths, London

12:45-13:30 Lunch

13:30-15:00 Panel 7: Port cultures

Manilata Choudhury (Jawaharlal Nehru University), 'Port City of Goa and Medicinal Cargo: A Historical Analysis of Garcia de Orta's *Colloquies*'

Elizabeth Schmidt (University of California-Santa Barbara), '"Sundry Sorts of Merchants Goods": Consuming the Empire in Eighteenth-Century Philadelphia through the Marketing of Food and Drink'

Ty Reese (University of North Dakota), 'Eating Rum and Romals: The Commodities of Atlantic Trade at Cape Coast, 1750-1821'

Discussant: Jean Stubbs, University of London

15:00-15:30 Tea break

15:30-16:30 Special session, 'How to get published in a journal?' by W.G. Clarence Smith (editor *Journal of Global History*)

16:45-18:00 Keynote by Peter Coclanis (University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill), 'Ports, Passages, and Platforms: Situating Colonial Rangoon'

Conference dinner

Saturday 7 September

Walking tour of Atlantic Glasgow, guided by Christine Whyte and Andrew MacKillop

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