

# SOVEREIGNTY, ECONOMY AND THE GLOBAL HISTORIES OF NATURAL RESOURCES

18–19 DECEMBER 2017

Seminar Room 5, Cripps Court  
Magdalene College  
University of Cambridge

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 18

- 9:30-10:00 COFFEE AND REGISTRATION
- 10:00-10:30 INTRODUCTION  
Tehila Sasson (Emory University)  
"Who Has the Right to Nature?"
- 10:30-11:45 THE LAWS OF THE SEA  
Angelo Matteo Caglioti (European University Institute)  
"The Hydro-Politics of Fascism: Ethiopia and the Environmental Origins of the Fascist Assault to the League of Nations"  
Johanna Sackel (Paderborn University)  
"The Glocalization of Fish or How the Law of the Sea Convention Changed the World"  
Chair & Commentator:  
Mira Siegelberg (Queen Mary University)
- 11:45-12:30 LUNCH
- 12:30-2:00 TRANSNATIONAL POLITICS OF CARBON  
Evaleila Pesaran (University of Cambridge)  
"Sovereignty without Substance: Reza Shah's State-Building Project and the Anglo-Persian Oil Dispute, 1932-33"  
Chris Dietrich (Fordham University)  
"US-Libya Relations and Sovereign Rights in the Global 1960s"  
Daniela Russ (University of Bielefeld)  
"Making Sources Of Energy: Global Energy Balances And The Politics Of Oil Substitution (1960-1970)"  
Chair & Commentator:  
Brad Simpson (University of Connecticut)
- 2:00-2:30 COFFEE BREAK
- 2:30-3:45 MEDICINE AND PHARMACEUTICALS  
Albert Wu (American University of Paris)  
"Re-considering the Lübeck Disaster: Towards a Global History of Anti-Vaccination"  
Ben Siegel (Boston University)  
"'Except as Found Necessary for Medicine and Science': The Fall and Rise of the Indian Opium Regime, 1935-1969"  
Chair & Commentator:  
Glenda Sluga (University of Sydney)
- 4:00-6:00 CONFERENCE KEYNOTE:  
JEDEDIAH PURDY (DUKE LAW)  
"SOVEREIGN NATURE"  
Commentator: Katrina Forrester (Harvard University)
- 6:00-7:00 DRINKS
- 7:00-9:30 DINNER (FOR PARTICIPANTS ONLY)

Organized by Tehila Sasson, Emory University  
Winner of the 2017 International Research Awards in Global History

In cooperation with and funded by the Institute for European Global Studies at the University of Basel, the Department of History and the Cluster of Excellence "Asia and Europe in a Global Context" at Heidelberg University, and the Laureate Research Program in International History at the University of Sydney. With additional support from the journal Past & Present and the Centre for History and Economics at the University of Cambridge.

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19

- 9:30-10:00 COFFEE
- 10:00-11:30 THE POLITICAL ECOLOGY OF BOARDERS  
Bathsheba Demuth (Brown University)  
"The Geology of Capitalism: Materiality in the Nome Gold Rush, 1898-1905"  
Paul Kreitman (Columbia University)  
"The Marcus Island Incident of 1902: Commodities, Colonization and Sovereignty on a North Pacific Border Island"  
Eric Paglia (Swedish Defence University)  
"From Arctic Coalmining Settlement to Global Environmental Knowledge Production Site: The Transformation of Ny-Ålesund on Svalbard"  
Chair & Commentator:  
Astrid M. Eckert (Emory University)
- 11:30-12:30 LUNCH
- 12.30-1.45 THE POLITICAL ECONOMY OF MINERALS  
Megan Black (London School of Economics)  
"Governing the Frontier: U.S. Settler Colonial Bureaucracies and Indigenous Minerals across the World"  
Mats Ingulstad (Norwegian University of Science and Technology)  
"Cartelizing the Commons. The UN as a Global Minerals Cartel"  
Chair & Commentator:  
Vanessa Ogle (UC Berkeley)
- 1:45-2:00 BREAK
- 2:00-3:30 AGRO-BUSINESS AT THE END OF EMPIRE  
Cindy Ewing (Yale University)  
"Networks of Integration: The Colombo Powers and South-South Diplomacy in the Third World"  
Charlotte Riley (University of Southampton)  
"Failure, Frustration, Heartbreak, Bad Luck and Bad Blunders: Agricultural Raw Materials and the Late-Colonial State"  
Simon Jackson (University of Birmingham)  
"Mining History: French Colonial North Africa, Phosphate, and the Origins of Global Agro-Industry"  
Chair & Commentator:  
Madeleine Herren-Oesch (University of Basel)
- 3:30-4:00 COFFEE BREAK
- 4:00-6:00 ROUNDTABLE:  
ENVIRONMENTAL, ECONOMIC AND  
LEGAL HISTORIES OF RESOURCES  
Roland Wenzlhuemer (Heidelberg University)  
Paul Warde (University of Cambridge)  
Astrid M. Eckert (Emory University)  
Vanessa Ogle (UC Berkeley)