



Comparing Apples, Oranges, and Cotton Environmental Histories of the Plantation

Conveners: Franziska Torma (Rachel Carson Center) & Frank Uekötter (Rachel Carson Center)

Venue: Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society, Munich

In the modern era, plantations have emerged as a cornerstone of the global food production network. Starting with the sugar cane fields of the Atlantic World, they provide people all over the world with a broad range of commodities. The environmental implications are serious: plantations exhaust and erode soils; the presence of many identical plants in the same spot spawns pests, weeds, and fungi. Furthermore the transnational character of commodity markets connotes that a distant, unknown competitor may ruin the profitability of the enterprise at any moment.

Thursday, July 28

15:00 - 15:45 **Welcome and Introduction**

15:45 - 16:00 **Coffee break**

16:00 - 18:00 **Roundtable**
Global Perspectives on the Plantation

Moderation Franziska Torma (Rachel Carson Center)

Discussants Stefania Gallini (Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Bogotá)
Latin American Plantations

Corey Ross (University of Birmingham, UK)
Plantations in Southeast Asia

Frank Uekötter (RCC)
The European Plantation

19:00 **Dinner**

Friday, July 29

09:30 - 11:00 **The Plantation System**

Chair Frank Uekötter (Rachel Carson Center / Deutsches Museum)

Marina Padrão Temudo (Tropical Research Institute, Lisbon, Portugal)
The Rise and Fall of a Plantation System in S. Tomé and Príncipe

Tiago Saraiva (University of Lisbon, Portugal)

Plantation Fascism: Agriculture Experiment Stations and Colonialism in Ethiopia,
Mozambique, and Eastern Europe

Michael Roche (Massey University, New Zealand)

An Environmental History of Plantation Forestry in New Zealand, 1897 to 1987

11:00 - 11:30 **Coffee break**

11:30 - 13:00 **The American Plantation**

Chair John Soluri (Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA)

Jeannie Whayne (University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR)

Queen City and King Cotton: Memphis and the Trans Mississippi West

Paul Sutter (University of Colorado at Boulder)

The Moral Meaning of "Rough, Gullied Land:" Soil Science, Spectacle Erosion, and the
Roots of US Soil Conservation in the Plantation South

Mart A. Stewart (Western Washington University, Bellingham)

Plantations, Agro-Ecology, and the US South

13:00 - 14:30 **Lunch break**

- 14:30 - 15:30 **Products I: Coffee**
- Chair** Stefania Gallini (Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Bogotá)
 Stuart MCook (University of Guelph, Ontario, Canada)
 Liberian Coffee: A Plantation Crop that Never Was
 Christiane Berth (Universität St. Gallen)
 Between "Wild Tropics" and "Civilization:" Guatemalan Coffee Plantations as Seen by German Immigrants
- 15:30 - 16:00 **Coffee break**
- 16:00 - 17:00 **Products II: Animals and Grapes**
- Chair** Tiago Saraiva (University of Lisbon, Portugal)
 John Soluri (Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA)
 An Animal Plantation: Sheep Estancias and the Transformation of Tierra del Fuego (1880s-1950s)
 Erich Landsteiner (Universität Wien)
 The Vineyard—a Plantation?
- 17:00 - 17:30 **Coffee break**
- 17:30 - 18:30 **Products III: Apples**
- Chair** Paul Sutter (University of Colorado at Boulder)
 Jó Klanovicz (Universidade Estadual do Centro-Oeste do Paraná, Irati, Brazil)
 Modern Apple Plantations in Fraiburgo, Brazil (1958-1989)
 Ulrike Plath (Under and Tuglas Literature Center, Tallinn, Estonia)
 Baltic Apples in Tsarist Russia and in the New National Economies of Latvia and Estonia (1870-1939)
- 19:30 **Dinner**

Saturday, July 30

- 09:30 - 11:00 **Tropical Plantations**
- Chair** Jeannie Whayne (University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR)
 Mitch Aso (University of Wisconsin, Madison)
 Forests without Birds: Spaces of Nature and Culture on the Rubber Plantations of French Indochina
 Ricardo Roque (University of Lisbon, Portugal) &
 Chris Shepherd (Australian National University)
 Plantations, Technical Knowledge, and Militarism in Portuguese Timor, 1890s-1930s
 Matthieu Fintz (Université de Strasbourg)
 The Atlantic Circuit of Banana Pesticides: The Case of Chlordecone, 1950s-1993
- 11:00 - 11:30 **Concluding comments** by John R. McNeill and **Final discussion**
- 11:30 - 12:30 **Lunch**
- 12:30 **End of conference**

Venue: Rachel Carson Center
Leopoldstr. 11a
80802 Munich

Transport: By subway (U-Bahn):

- **U3/U6**, disembark at Giselastraße and follow signs to the exit Georgenstraße. On exiting the subway station, you will be on Leopoldstraße. The RCC is located just a few meters away.

By bus: Line 54 or 154

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Registration: The workshop is free and open to the public; however registration is required. Please send an e-mail to events@carsoncenter.lmu.de by July 21, 2011, to sign up.

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