

PROGRAMME

Moralising Commerce in a Globalising World. Multidisciplinary Approaches to a History of Economic Conscience, 1600-1900

German Historical Institute London, 22-24 June 2017

Thursday, 22 June

13.30-14.00 **Registration**

14.00-14.30 **Welcome and Introduction**

Eve Rosenhaft (Liverpool) / **Felix Brahm** (GHIL)

14.30-16.00 **The Company as Economic and Political Actor**

Chair: **Indra Sengupta** (GHIL)

Mahesh Gopalan (Delhi): Institutionalising a New Moral and Economic Order in Early Modern Madras

Aske Laursen Brock (Canterbury): Companies and Charity? Corporate Social Responsibility in Seventeenth Century England

16.00-16.30 Coffee Break

16:30-18:00 **Colonial Reform and the Delineation of Moral Communities**

Chair: **Hannes Ziegler** (GHIL)

Laura Tarkka-Robinson (Helsinki): Vindicating the Colonised: Morality, National Character and the East India Company

Blake Smith (Chicago/Paris): Moral and Racial Economies of Colonial Reform: Dirk van Hogendorp in Late Eighteenth-Century Java

18.00- 19:15 **Keynote Lecture I**

Chair: **Eve Rosenhaft** (Liverpool)

Jennifer Davis (Cambridge): Trade (mark) Wars, 1860-1920: Sweatshops, the Retail Trade and the Meaning of Trade Marks in Britain

19:30 Dinner at a nearby Restaurant (self-paying)

Friday, 23 June

9:30-11:00 **Critical Reactions to Transnational Exchange**

Chair: **Michael Schaich** (GHIL)

Yusuke Wakazawa (York): The Epistolary Novel and Moral Consciousness. Smollett's Literary Geography and the Paradox of the Global in *Humphry Clinker*

Aaron Graham (London): Contractors, Corruption and Conscience in North America, 1754-83

11:00-11:30 Coffee break

11:30-13:00 **International Business and National Labour**

Chair: **Alex Balch** (Liverpool)

Justus Nipperdey (Saarbrücken): In Defence of Workers Against International Business – Cameralists Moralising Commerce in the 18th Century

Andrés Spognardi (Coimbra): Worker Ownership as a Social Good: Exploring the Moral and Practical Underpinnings of the 1867 Portuguese Co-operative Societies Act

13.00-14.00 Lunch break

14:00-15:30 Slavery and Economic Conscience (part 1)

Chair: **Andreas Gestrich** (GHIL)

Joyce Goggin (Amsterdam): Framing John Law: G(u)ilt, Fiction and Finance

Jordan Smith (Georgetown): 'For How Could We Do Without Sugar and Rum?':
Anti-Consumption and the Morality of Production in the Eighteenth-Century
Atlantic World

15:30-16:00 Coffee break

16:00-17:30 Slavery and Economic Conscience (part 2)

Chair: **Nuala Zahedieh** (Edinburgh)

Richard Huzzey (Durham): 'Whatever is unjust must be impolitick & v. versa':
Morality and Prosperity in British Anti-Slavery Campaigns

Sarah Lentz (Bremen): 'Oh, wonderful sugar beet! You are the death of the
bloody sugar cane'. The German Debate on the Morality of the Consumption of
Sugar Produced by Slave Labour Around 1800

17:30-17:45 Break

17:45-19:00 Keynote Lecture II

Chair: **Felix Brahm** (GHIL)

William G. Clarence-Smith (London): Moralising Commerce in the Long
Nineteenth-Century: The Example of Pearlring

19:00 Conference Dinner at the GHIL

Saturday, 24 June

9:00-10:30 Slavery and Economic Conscience (part 3)

Chair: **Eve Rosenhaft** (Liverpool)

Jake Richards (Cambridge): Moralising Labour: Doctrines of Free Labour and Liberated Africans' Responses to Work in the Era of the Suppression of the Slave Trade

Joseph Kelly (Liverpool): Shareholder Anti-Slavery? Morality and Knowledge in the Joint-Stock Economy

10:30-11:00 Coffee break

11:00-12:30 (II)legitimate Commerce in Africa

Chair: **Felix Brahm** (GHIL)

Deborah Neill (Toronto): John Holt's Economic Conscience

Kim Sebastian Todzi (Hamburg) Between 'perishable effects' and 'sharp stimulant to elevate culture'. The Debate on Liquor Trade in Cameroon and Togo 1884-1914

12:30-13:30 Final Discussion

Chair: **Andreas Eckert** (Berlin)

Input: **Benjamin Möckel** (Köln): Economy and Morality: Some Remarks on a Non-Normative Approach