

Program ‘Commodity Trading Companies in the First Global Economy, 1870-1913’

Friday, 3 February 2017 Erasmus University Rotterdam, campus Woudestein Blijdorp room, 17th floor, Tinbergen Building	
9.30-9.40	Introduction Espen Storli (NTNU), Ben Wubs (EUR)
9.40-10.10	Theoretical approaches to commodity trading companies Marten Boon (Norwegian University of Science and Technology)
10.10-10.40	Traders, brokers and auctioneers: Restructuring the Anglo-Indian trade in the 19th century Michael Aldous (Queen's University Belfast)
10.40-11.00	Break
11.00-11.30	Transcending the empire. The colonial cotton economy in India and the problem of quality Christof Dejung (University of Konstanz)
11.30-12.00	Karimjee Jivanjee: A case for a diasporic family-firm Gijsbert Oonk (Erasmus University Rotterdam)
12.00-13.00	Lunch
13.00-13.30	European Trading Companies and Commodity Trade in Nigeria, 1840-1929 Olisa Godson Muojama (University of Ibadan)
13.30-14.00	Harbin and the Mongolian meat industry, 1903-1931 Thomas Dubois (Australian National University)
14.00-14.30	Break
14.30-15.00	Diederichsen and Jepsen, and straw-braid trade in China, 1861 – 1914 Fion So Wai Ling (The University of Hong Kong)
15.00-15.30	Modern Silk Roads - Swiss trading companies in Japan and China, ca. 1860 – 1914 Alexis Schwarzenbach (Lucerne University)
15.30-18.30	Activity (to be announced)
19.30-	Dinner at Quartier du Port

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9.30-10.00	Global trading companies in the commodity chain of rubber 1900-1930. Bastian Linneweh (University of Göttingen)
10.00-10.30	Mitsui & Co. and Its Worldwide Encounters, 1876–1945 Ines Prodöhl (German Historical Institute, Washington DC)
10.30-10.45	Break
10.45-11.15	Metallgesellschaft, Copper, and Competition during the First Global Economy Nate Delaney (Case Western Reserve University)
11.15-11.45	The international whale oil trade at the beginning of the 20th century - replacing international trade in commodities by vertically integrated (multinational) companies? Ingo Heidbrink (Old Dominion University)
11.45-12.00	Break
12.00-12.30	Commodity Trading Companies in the First Global Economy, 1870-1913 Espen Storli (Norwegian University of Science and Technology)
12.30-13.00	The road ahead & closing discussion
13.00-	Lunch