

Curriculum

Plantation Economies in Postcolonial Central and South America

Summer Term 23

Wednesday 16:15 – 17:45 | Room: ÜIII (History Department)

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Session 1 | 19.04.23 | Introduction

Thematic Introduction; Discussion of Curriculum and ECTS

Session 2 | 26.04.23 | Historiography of the Plantation

Literature: UEKÖTTER, Frank: Rise, Fall, and Permanence. Issues in the Environmental History of the Global Plantation, in: Comparing Apples, Oranges, and Cotton. Environmental Histories of the Global Plantation, ed. by Frank UEKÖTTER, Frankfurt/New York 2014, p. 7-25.

Session 3 | 03.05.23 | Classics I: The Plantation

Spotlight: The Spanish Colonial Empire

Literature: THOMPSON, Edgar T.: The Plantation (Southern Classics Series), Columbia 2010.

Further Reading: MANDLE, Jay R.: The Plantation Economy: An Essay in Definition, in: Science & Society 36/1 (1972), p. 49-62.

Session 4 | 10.05.23 | Classics II: Rethinking the Plantation – Rethinking the Classics

Spotlight : Rebellion of Túpac Amaru II and the Haitian Revolution

Literature : TOMICH, Dale: Rethinking the Plantation. Concepts and Histories, in: Review (Fernand Braudel Center) 34/1-2 (2011), p. 15-39.

Session 5 | 17.05.23 | Recent Approaches

Spotlight : The Cortes of Cádiz and Independence

Literature: PEANO, Irene/MACEDO, Marta/LE PETITCORPS, Colette: Introduction: Viewing Plantations at the Intersection of Political Ecologies and Multiple Space-Times, in: Global Plantations in the Modern World. Sovereignities, Ecologies, Afterlives, ed. by Colette LE PETITCORPS/Marta MACEDO/Irene PEANO (Cambridge Imperial and Post-Colonial Studies), Cham 2023, p. 1-32.

Session 6 | 24.05.23 | The Caribbean Plantation Economy

Spotlight: Simón Bolívar and *Gran Colombia* (Greater Colombia)

Literature: BULAMAH, Rodrigo C.: From Marrons to Kreyòl: Human-Animal Relations in Early Caribbean, in: *Global Plantations in the Modern World. Sovereignities, Ecologies, Afterlives*, hrsg. v. Colette LE PETITCORPS/Marta MACEDO/Irene PEANO, Cham 2023, p. 35-58.

Session 7 | 31.05.23 | Plantation Economy and 'Second Slavery' I

Spotlight: The Brazilian Empire

Literature: MUAZE, Mariana: Inside the Big House: Slavery, Rationalization of Domestic Labor and the Construction of a New Habitus on Brazilian Coffee Plantations during the Second Slavery, in: *Global Plantations in the Modern World. Sovereignities, Ecologies, Afterlives*, hrsg. v. Colette LE PETITCORPS/Marta MACEDO/Irene PEANO, Cham 2023, p. 155-176.

Session 8 | 07.06.23 | Plantation Economy and 'Second Slavery' II

Spotlight: The Spanish-American War 1898

Literature: FERRARO, Marcelo Rosanova: The Political Economy of Punishment: Slavery and Violence in Nineteenth-Century Brazil and the United States, in: *International Review of Social History* 68/S31 (2023), p. 197-212.

Session 9 | 14.06.23 | Coffee Plantation Economy in Guatemala

Spotlight: Federal Republic of Central America and Guatemala's Liberal Revolution in 1871

Literature: GIBBINGS, Julie: "Their Debts Follow Them into the Afterlife." German Settlers, Ethnographic Knowledge, and the Forging of Coffee Capitalism in Nineteenth-Century Guatemala, in: *Comparative Studies in Society and History* 62/2 (2020), S. 389-420.

Session 10 | 21.06.23 | United Fruit Company and Green Havoc

Spotlight : The United Fruit Company

Literature : MARQUARDT, Steve : "Green Havoc." Panama Disease, Environmental Change, and Labor Process in the Central American Banana Industry, in : *The American Historical Review* 106/1 (2001), p. 49-80.

Further Reading : WORSTER, Donald : Transformations of the Earth : Toward an Agroecological Perspective in History, in : *The Journal of American History* 76/4 (1990), p. 1087-1106.

Session 11 | 28.06.23 | Historical Sources

Sources: Group work on different historical sources

Session 12 | 05.07.23 | Presentations

Presentations : Groups present the results of their group work

Session 13 | 12.07.23 | The Plantationocene I

Literature: HARAWAY, Donna et. al: Anthropologists Are Talking – About the Anthropocene, in: Ethnos 81/3 (2016), p. 535-564.

Session 14 | 19.07.23 | The Plantationocene II

Literature: MURPY, Michael Warren/SCHROERING, Caitlin: Refiguring the Plantationocene. Racial Capitalism, World-Systems Analysis, and Global Socioecological Transformation, in: Journal of World-Systems Research 26/2 (2020), p. 401-415.

Session 15 | 26.07.23 | Final Discussion

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Organisational Matters and ECTS

Active participation in the meetings is compulsory to pass the course. It is permitted, however, to be absent twice in the semester. If you cannot participate in a session, please inform your lecturer beforehand. This makes it easier to prepare and organise the sessions.

There are different possibilities to pass the course and obtain ECTS. This depends mainly on how many ECTS you need for the course. If you need **2 ECTS**, you have to present one of the spotlights together with a fellow student. You should present the spotlight in 15 – 20min followed by a brief discussion of about 10min for which you should prepare a question or a thesis. If you need **4 ECTS**, you equally have to present one of the spotlights. Further, you have to submit an essay or bibliographical essay of about 6 – 8 pages. All the presentations will be in English; the essays in English or German.

For every session, you have to read a text, which we will then discuss in the sessions. You find all these texts on the Moodle page of this course:

<https://moodle.uni-heidelberg.de/course/view.php?id=16393>

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There are also some further texts on Moodle for almost every session. It is not compulsory to read these texts but they give you some background information or, counter-arguments to the main literature.