



Economic Development in the Anthropocene: Perspectives on Asia and Africa

The 2014 Pierre du Bois Conference

The Graduate Institute of International & Development Studies

Geneva, 26-27 September 2014

Venue: Maison de la Paix, Auditorium A1B

PROGRAMME

Friday 26 September

9h20-9h40 Welcome

9h40-11h10 I Perspectives on and from the Late Holocene

(chair: Tirthankar Roy, LSE)

Amélia Polónia (University of Porto), 'Environmental impacts of colonial dynamics, 1500-1800: ecological imperialism versus ecological adaptation'

Mats Widgren (Stockholm University), 'Agricultural systems in Africa 1500-1800: the role of the environment'

11h30-13h00 II East Asia in Long-Term Global Perspective

(chair: Gareth Austin, Graduate Institute)

Kenneth Pomeranz (University of Chicago), 'Regions and resources: East Asian industrial revolutions in global environmental perspective'

Kaoru Sugihara (GRIPS: National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies, Tokyo),

'Environmental sustainability for the Asian Path of economic development: A long-term perspective'

Commentator: G. Balachandran (Graduate Institute)

14h00-15h30 III South Asia

(chair: Amélia Polónia)

Prasannan Parthasarathi (Boston College), 'A new energy economy in nineteenth-century South India'

Tirthankar Roy (London School of Economics), 'The monsoon and the market for money: evidence from interwar India'

15h50-17h20 IV Southeast Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa

(chair: Prasannan Parthasarathi)

Corey Ross (University of Birmingham), 'Developing the rainforest: rubber, environment and culture in colonial Southeast Asia'

Gareth Austin (Graduate Institute), 'Environmental constraints and opportunities in African economic history: the political economy of resource rents and choice of technique'.

Commentator: Geoff Eley (Michigan)

18h30-20h00 Public forum: roundtable

(chair: Gareth Austin)

Pannelists: Kenneth Pomeranz, Kaoru Sugihara, and Julia Ardeney Thomas

Saturday 27 September

9h10-10h40 V Recent Choices in East Asia

(chair: Michael Schlitz, Tokyo and Graduate Institute)

Satoru Kobori (Nagoya University), 'The Japanese energy saving technology, 1920-1970: focus on energy intensive industry and energy efficiency policy'

Se Young Jang (Graduate Institute), 'South Korea's capital-intensive industrialization: how natural resource- and capital-scarce Korea developed a nuclear energy industry since the late 1960s'

11h00-11h45 VI A Global View

(chair: Gabriel Geisler Mesevage, Graduate Institute)

Bruno Lanz and Tim Swanson (Graduate Institute), with Simon Dietz and Arun Jacob, 'Economic growth, population dynamics, and the management of global land use: A policy analysis'

11h45-13h00 VII Concluding Session

(chair: Gareth Austin)

Julia Adeney Thomas (Notre Dame), 'Historians, biologists and the problem of defining who is threatened by climate change'

Concluding general discussion

Note: faculty, doctorants and others are very welcome to attend. If you wish to do so, please inform Gabriel Geisler Mesevage (email below), so that we can keep an eye on the space available.

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