Imperial Foodways:
Culinary Economies and Provisioning Politics

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Organized by Erika Rappaport and Elizabeth Schmidt

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All paper panels will take place via Zoom. If you need assistance setting up a Zoom account, please let us know.

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Friday, May 21, 2021

Welcome: Erika Rappaport and Elizabeth Schmidt
University of California, Santa Barbara
8:30am, PST

Panel 1: Meat
9:00am-11:00 am PST

Chair and Comment: Chris Otter, Ohio State University

“'There is beef! — there is beef!': Bovine Poetics in Colonial India”
Meghna Sapui, University of Florida

“The Power of Fresh Meat : The Institution of the "ferme des boucheries" in Saint-Domingue in the 18th Century”
Camille Cordier, Université Lyon Lumière

“The Jewish Meat Trade under the British Mandate for Palestine (1920s-1940s)”
Efrat Gilad, University of Bern

Panel 2: Beverages
1:00-3:00 pm PST

Chair and Comment: Lisa Jacobson, University of California, Santa Barbara

“Emperitifs: Byrrh, Picon, and Empire in French North Africa”
Graham Cornwell, The George Washington University

“'Civilizing’ Consumption: Colonial Wine in Britain’s Imperial Project”
Chelsea Davis, Colby College

“Imperial Hops: Beer in the Age of Empire”
Jeffrey Pilcher, University of Toronto

“Coffee’s Role in Growing the First French Empire: A Controversial but Crucial Commodity”
Julia Landweber, Montclair State University

Social Hour
3:15 pm PST, Wonder*

*No account needed; this is a simulated social space that allows you to move yourself around and join conversations already going on. For questions or concerns, email Elizabeth at e_schmidt@ucsb.edu!
Saturday, May 22

Panel 3: Scarcities in Colonial North America
8:00-10:00 am PST

Chair and Comment: Elizabeth Schmidt, University of California, Santa Barbara

“Where Wheat Does Not Grow, and Corn is Very Scarce’: The Origins of Spanish Florida’s Food Problems”
   Juneisy Hawkins, New York University

“The First Victory Gardens: Food, Environment, and Empire in the Seven Years’ War in North America”
   Camden Elliott, Harvard University

“America’s Post-Colonial Moment: Provisions, Refugees, and the Consequences of Independence”
   Patrick Callaway, University of Maine

Panel 4: Provisions and Power
1:00-3:00pm PST

Chair and Comment: Bertie Mandelblatt, John Carter Brown Library, Brown University

“A Damper on things: Ship’s biscuits in Australian First Nations Encounter Narratives”
   Leonie Stevens, Monash Indigenous Studies Centre

“Mouths for Feeding, Mouths for Hiding: Food and Diamonds in Colonial Brazil”
   Tijl Vanneste, Universidade Nova de Lisboa

“Empowering Japanese Bodies: The Imperial Biopolitics of Provisioning Korean Beef and Cattle”
   Tats Mitsuda, Keio University

Panel 5: Sour and Sweet
4:00- 6:00 pm PST

Chair and Comment: Nadja Durbach, University of Utah

“Food and Empire on the Russian Steppes: The Curious Case of Kumys”
   Maya Peterson, University of California at Santa Cruz

“The Sweetened Empire: The Making of Sugar and Confectionery in Modern Japan, 1868-1952”
   Lillian Tsay, Brown University

“White Sugar: Erasing Global Labour in Settler Canadian Food Marketing”
   Donica Belisle, University of Regina
Sunday, May 23

Panel 6: Agro–Imperialism
8:00-10:00 am PST

Chair and Comment: Utathya Chattopadhyaya, University of California, Santa Barbara

“Salt Production and the Cosmological Transformation of the Sundarbans in Colonial Bengal”
Julia Fine, University of Cambridge

Viridiana Hernández Fernández, University of California at Davis

“Imagining a Post-Imperial Future: Cocoa, Bean Counters, and the Cultivation of the Postwar Order in French West Africa”
Elizabeth Heath, Baruch College, City University of New York

Panel 7: Kitchens
2:00 – 4:00 pm PST

Chair and Comment: Troy Bickham, Texas A&M University

“I Hope it Tastes Good: Gender, Race and Class in Colonial Kitchens in the Dutch Indian Ocean Empire”
Kathleen Burke, University of Toronto

“Eating Curries: Foreign Traders’ Food Consumption in Canton in the Early Nineteenth Century”
Leiyun Ni, University of Warwick

Harini Alladi, University of California, Santa Barbara

Wrap-Up
4:15 pm PST