

# Imperial Foodways: Culinary Economies and Provisioning Politics

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Organized by Erika Rappaport and Elizabeth Schmidt



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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](mailto: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

*"Cultivating a New Taste: The Californian Avocado Industry's Origins in Latin America, 1870s-1920s"*

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

*"The Institutionalisation of Home Science and Role of Women in Postcolonial Indian State-Building, 1950 - 1960"*

Harini Alladi, University of California, Santa Barbara

**Wrap-Up**

**4:15 pm PST**