

# Global Commodity Flows

Conference Program | April 16th-18th, 2015

College of Liberal Arts Building, CLA 1.302B, in the Julius Glickman Conference Center

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## Thursday, April 16th

*4:30 – 5:20pm: Pre-function reception  
Glickman Center patio (weather back-up: CLA 1.302D)*

### 5:30 – 5:45pm: Opening Remarks

**Jacqueline Jones**, Mastin Gentry White Professor of Southern History; and Walter Prescott Webb Chair in History and Ideas; and Chair, History Department, University of Texas at Austin

**Seth Garfield**, Professor of History, and Director, Institute for Historical Studies, University of Texas at Austin

**Mark Metzler**, Professor of History, and Program Coordinator, Institute for Historical Studies, University of Texas at Austin

### 5:45 – 6:45pm: Keynote

**Victoria de Grazia**, Moore Collegiate Professor of History, Columbia University  
“The Commodity World: Reflections from the Post-American Era”

*7:30 – 9:00pm: Conferee Dinner – for Presenters, Chairs, and Selected Invitees  
Clay Pit Indian Restaurant | 1601 Guadalupe, corner of Guadalupe and 16th Street*

## Friday, April 17th

*8:15 – 8:45am: Coffee Meet & Greet*

### 9:00 – 10:25am: Panel I “Early Modern Commodity Cultures”

**Julie Hardwick**, Chair (University of Texas at Austin)

**Emma Flatt** (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill)  
“Foreign Fragrances: Olfactory Commodities and Connoisseurship in Early Modern India”

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**Arash Khazeni** (Pomona College)

“Of Teak, Elephants, and Rubies: Indo-Persian Encounters with the Forest Worlds of Imperial Burma”

**Mary K. Gayne** (James Madison University)

“Styled to Style: Emergent Work Practices and the Voluntary Commodification of Bodies in Eighteenth-century Paris”

*10:25 – 10:35am: Break*

10:35am – 12:00noon: Panel II “Capital, Energy, and Climate”

**William R. Childs**, Chair (University of Texas at Austin)

**Jason W. Moore** (Binghamton University, State University of New York)

“Putting Nature to Work: Ecology, Capitalism, and the Great Frontier, 1450-1800”

**Fredrik Albritton Jonnson** (The University of Chicago)

“Carbon Society: The Science, Politics, and Culture of Coal in Victorian Britain”

**Andrew Needham** (New York University)

“The Neverending Age of Coal: The Dream of Energy Transition and Post-Industrialism in Coal-Fired America”

*12:00pm – 1:00pm: Break*

1:00 – 2:25pm: Panel III “Ecologies of Resource Extraction and Production”

**Erika M. Bsumek**, Chair (University of Texas at Austin)

**Michitake Aso** (University at Albany-State University of New York)

“From Planters to Planners: Rubber, Development, and War in Southern Vietnam, 1956 to 1975”

**Kristin Wintersteen** (University of Houston)

“Economies of putrefaction: Fish proteins and the industrial ecology of animal farming in the Atlantic and Pacific worlds, 1811-1950”

**Sayuri Guthrie Shimizu** (Rice University)

“The Rise and Transformation of International Fisheries Management Regimes in the North Pacific”

*2:25 – 2:45pm: Break*

2:45 – 4:10pm: Panel IV “Agriculture, Globalization, and Crises”

**Robyn Metcalfe**, Chair (University of Texas at Austin)

**Rebecca Tally** (The Ohio State University)

“Experimenting with Daylight: Colombia, Photoperiodism, and the Global Wheat Trade”

**Marion Dixon** (Cornell University)

“Phosphate, Fertilizers, and French North Africa: 1830s through the Interwar Period”

**Mark Metzler** (University of Texas at Austin)

“Teleconnections: Globalized Wheat Markets, Climatic Fluctuations, and Famine during the Great Depression of the Late 19th Century”

*4:10 – 4:30pm: Break*

4:30 – 5:15pm: Closing Keynote

**Marina Fischer-Kowalski**, Founder and Director, Institute of Social Ecology, and Professor of Social Ecology at Alpen Adria University; and Senior Lecturer, the University of Vienna

“Material and Energy Flows and the Anthropocene”

Discussion: 15 minutes

**Saturday, April 18th (participants only)**

Garrison Hall (GAR), Room 4.100, UT campus

*9:00 – 9:30am: Breakfast*

9:30am – 12:00noon: Participants-only Workshop

Structured Commentaries - assigned commentators and discussion in break-out sessions

*12:00pm – 1:00pm: Break; discussion of publication plans over lunch*

*1:00pm: Adjourn*

*2015 Conference: Global Commodity Flows*  
Saturday, April 18  
Institute for Historical Studies, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Garrison Hall

**Saturday: Workshop** (participants only), Garrison Hall, 4.100

8:30–9:00 Continental breakfast

9:00–12:00 Discussion in break-out sessions, GAR 4.100 and GAR 1.102

12:00–1:00 Box lunch; discussion of publication plans over lunch

[1:00 —end of formal program]

*Format:* 30 minutes (or slightly less) discussion per paper. For each paper, we'll begin with extremely brief comments by the author, followed by comments from the commentator, followed by general discussion.

**Session 1 (Garrison 4.100).** Chair: Seth Garfield. Co-chair: William Childs.

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9:30 Mary K. Gayne, "Styled to Style: Emergent Work Practices and the Voluntary Commodification of Bodies in Eighteenth-century Paris." Comment: Fredrik Albritton Jonsson.

10:00 Arash Khazeni, "Of Teak, Elephants, and Rubies: Indo-Persian Encounters with the Forest Worlds of Imperial Burma." Comment: Emma Jane Flatt.

10:30 Fredrik Albritton Jonsson, "Carbon Society: Coal in Victorian Science, Politics and Culture." Comment: Michitake Aso.

11:00 Andrew Needham, "The Neverending Age of Coal: The Dream of Energy Transition and Post-Industrialism in Coal-Fired America." Comment: Mary K. Gayne.

11:30 Michitake Aso, "From Planters to Planners: Rubber, Development, and War in Southern Vietnam, 1956 to 1975." Comment: Andrew Needham.

**Session 2 (Garrison 1.102).** Chair: Mark Metzler

9:00 Jason W. Moore, "Putting Nature to Work: Ecology, Capitalism, and the Great Frontier, 1450-1800." Comment: Rebecca Tally.

9:30 Marina Fischer-Kowalski, "A Socio-Metabolic Reading of the Anthropocene: Modes of Subsistence, Population Size, and Human Impact on Earth." Comment: Jason Moore.

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