

NOVA FCSH, LISBON

AVENIDA DE BERNA

DECOLONIAL HISTORIES OF KNOWLEDGE, TECHNOLOGY, AND ENVIRONMENT

LATE SUMMER SEMINAR

12 - 13 SEPTEMBER 2022

ROOM B301

The Slave Ship. J. M. W. Turner (1775-1851)



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PROGRAMME

*The Late Summer Seminar of the Institute of Contemporary History (IHC)
and the Department of History of Drexel University*

Every mid-September, researchers from IHC and Drexel engage materiality and nonhuman agency to collectively envision decolonial ways of practicing history. They discuss historiographic traditions, methods and archives contributing to meaningful history writing in times of climate change, pandemics, and racial capitalism reenactments.

They ask: Which temporal scales are adequate to account for histories of African plantations? Those of imperial agents (plantation owners, botanists...) and of local human resistances (maroons, guerrilla...), or of plant evolution and soil formation? What are the relevant geographies when trying to make sense of the history of fire in Portugal? The global travels of eucalyptus promoted by foresters and capitalism since the late nineteenth century, or national development policies and local *longue durée* practices? Building on approaches from the fields of history of science and technology and environmental history, they critically experiment with spaces, times and actants to question the politics of historiography and enlarge historical imagination.

12 SEPTEMBER, 10.30-12.00

PUBLIC SESSION

TIAGO SARAIVA

Discussion of the text "ANTHROPOCENE AND EUCALYPTUS", from Francesca Bray, Barbara Hahn, John Lourdusamy, and Tiago Saraiva, *Moving Crops and the Scales of History* (New Haven: Yale Univ. Press, 2023)

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12 SEPTEMBER, 13.00-16.30

COLLECTIVE DISCUSSION OF WORKS IN PROGRESS

MARIA DO MAR GAGO, *"RESTORING COFFEE DIVERSITY"*

SARA ALBUQUERQUE, *"GLOBAL AFFINITIES: THE NATURAL METHOD AND ANOMALOUS PLANTS IN THE NINETEENTH CENTURY"*

MIGUEL CARMO, *"AFRICAN KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER IN MODERN PORTUGAL: ENSLAVED PEOPLE AND RICE CULTIVATION IN TAGUS AND SADO RIVERS"*

13 SEPTEMBER, 09.30-12.30

COLLECTIVE DISCUSSION OF WORKS IN PROGRESS

TIAGO SARAIVA, *"BLACK SCIENCE: AMÍLCAR CABRAL'S AGRICULTURAL SURVEY AND THE SEEDS OF DECOLONIZATION"*

MARTA MACEDO, *"PLANTATION EMPIRES: THE CONNECTED HISTORIES OF COCOA IN SÃO TOMÉ AND BELGIAN CONGO"*

COLLECTIVE DISCUSSION & NEXT STEPS