Towards a Global History of Primitive Accumulation
International Institute of Social History, Amsterdam
May 9-11, 2019

Day 1: Thursday, May 9, 2019

14:30-14:45   Welcome
Leo Lucassen (IISH)

14:45-15:30   Panel 1: Goals of the conference
Pepijn Brandon (IISH/Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam)
Niklas Frykman (University of Pittsburgh)

Chair: Marcus Rediker (University of Pittsburgh)

15:30-15:45   Break

15:45-17:30   Panel 2: Legacies and new directions
Heide Gerstenberger (University of Bremen), “Violence and the history of capitalism”
David Mayer (Universität Wien), “Different names for the same idea – Marxist Debates about history in Latin America in the ‘long 1960s’ and their (non-)use of the idea of a ‘permanent primitive accumulation’”

Ed Baptist (Cornell University), “Dark Capital”

Chair: Marjolein ‘t Hart (Huygens-ING/Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam)

Evening Conference dinner 1 (presenters and chairs only)

Day 2: Friday, May 10, 2019

9:00-10:30 Panel 3: Household, gender, and accumulation

Nicole Ulrich (Rhodes University), “Imperial reproduction, state power, and accumulation: indenture and the making of an imperial ‘refreshment station’ at the Cape of Good Hope, c. 1652-1840”


Tithi Bhattacharya (Purdue University), “Social reproduction and primitive accumulation”

Chair: Filipa Ribeiro da Silva (IISH)

10:30-10:45 Break

10:45-12:15 Panel 4: Forced labor, circulation, and finance


Rosanna Barragán (IISH) and Forrest Hylton (Universidad Nacional de Colombia), “Making Metals Precious: Silver and Gold Mining in Colonial Spanish America”

Leonardo Marques (Universidade Federal Fluminense) and Rafael Marquese (Universidade de São Paulo), “Gold, Coffee, and Slaves: Brazil and World Accumulation, 1693-1888”

Chair: Sven Beckert (Harvard University)
12:15-13:45  Lunch

13:45-15:00  Panel 5: Slavery

Thierry Drapeau (Université du Québec), “The Graft and the Pivot: Exploring Slavery’s Capitalism from Within the Labour Process”

David McNally (University of Houston), “The Slave Plantation as Agrarian Capitalism: Slavery, Commodity Production, and Global Primitive Accumulation”

Chair: Tamira Combrink (IISH)

15:00-15:15  Break

15:15-16:45  Panel 6: The state, conquest, and racism

Justin Paulson (Carleton University) and Julie Tomiak (Ryerson University), “Original and Ongoing Dispossessions: Settler Capitalism and Indigenous Resistance in British Columbia”

Noeleen McIlvenna (Wright State University), “Settler colonialism, white supremacy, and primitive accumulation”

Peter Way (University of Windsor), “Leviathan, Mammon, and Behemoth: The Fiscal-Military State and Primitive Accumulation in the 18th Century”

Chair: Lex Heerma van Voss (Huygens-ING / Utrecht University)

16:45-17:30  Break

17:30-19:00  Keynote 1: Jairus Banaji (SOAS)

Chair: Tithi Bhattacharya (Purdue University)

Evening  Conference dinner 2 (presenters and chairs only)
Day 3: Saturday, May 11, 2019

9:00-10:00  **Keynote 2: Wendy Goldman (Carnegie Mellon University)**

Chair: Marcel van der Linden (IISH)

10:00-10:15  Break

10:15-12:15  **Panel 7: Primitive accumulation and state socialism**

Donald Filtzer (University of East London), “E. A. Preobrazhenskii’s Theory of ‘Primitive Socialist Accumulation’ as Immanent Critique of Stalinist Industrialization”

Alina-Sandra Cucu (Humboldt Universität Berlin), “Cheap labour in the logic of the Romanian primitive socialist accumulation”

Jacob Eyferth (University of Chicago), “State Accumulation and the Rural Household: Gender, Unpaid Domestic Work, and Underconsumption in Mao-Era Rural North China”

Shuxuan Zhou (Freie Universität Berlin), “Gendering Primitive Accumulation in the People’s Republic of China”

Chair: Eric Vanhaute (Universiteit Gent)

12:15-13:15  Lunch

13:15-14:45  **Panel 8: Land**

Hillary Taylor (Yale University), “Extracted Speech: Reassessing the Role of Agricultural Labourers in ‘Classical’ Primitive Accumulation”


Alexia Yates (University of Manchester), “The Financial Life of Land in Imperial France, 1873-1914”

Chair: Wendy Goldman (Carnegie Mellon University)

14:45-15:00  Break
15:00-16:30  **Panel 9: Resistance**

Terence Dunne (National University of Ireland), “The limitation of primitive accumulation and the limitation of resistance to it: The Irish experience over the long nineteenth century”

Wendy Matsumara (UC Sand Diego), “Primitive Accumulation, Mining Capital and So-called Outcaste Community Struggle in 1930s Japan”

Forrest Hylton (Universidad Nacional de Colombia) and Aaron Tauss (Universidad Nacional de Colombia), “Primitive Accumulation Revisited: Colombia and Bolivia in Our Time”

Chair: Jeannette Kamp (Universiteit Leiden)

16:30-16:45  Break

16:45-18:30  **Panel 10: Results and prospects**

Peter Linebaugh (University of Toledo)
Silvia Federici (Hofstra University)
Marcel van der Linden (IISH)

Chair: Rossana Baragán (IISH)