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

14:45-15:30  Panel 1: Goals of the conference
Pepijn Brandon
Niklas Frykman

Chair: Marcus Rediker

15:30-16:00  Break

16:00-18:00  Panel 2: Legacies and new directions
Heide Gerstenberger, “Violence and the history of capitalism”

David Mayer, “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, “Dark Capital”

Chair: Marjolein ‘t Hart

Evening Conference dinner 1

Day 2: Friday, May 10, 2019

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

Nicole Ulrich, “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, “Social reproduction and primitive accumulation”

Chair: Filipa Ribeiro da Silva

10:30-10:45 Break

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


Rosanna Barragán, Forrest Hylton, and Aaron Tauss, “Making Metals Precious: Silver and Gold Mining in Colonial Spanish America”

Leonardo Marques and Rafael Marquese, “Gold, Coffee, and Slaves: Brazil and World Accumulation, 1693-1888”


Chair: Sven Beckert
12:45-13:45  Lunch

13:45-15:15  **Panel 5: Slavery**

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

David McNally, “The Slave Plantation as Agrarian Capitalism: Slavery, Commodity Production, and Global Primitive Accumulation”

Michael Zeuske, “Setting the Stage: The Slavery Atlantic and Primitive Accumulation”

Chair: Tamira Combrink

15:15-15:30  Break

15:30-17:00  **Panel 6: The state, conquest, and racism**

Justin Paulson and Julia Tomiak, “Original and Ongoing Dispossessions: Settler Capitalism and Indigenous Resistance in British Columbia”

Noeleen McIlvenna, “Settler colonialism, white supremacy, and primitive accumulation”

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

Chair: Lex Heerma van Voss

17:00-17:30  Break

17:30-19:00  **Keynote 1: Jairus Banaji**

Chair: Tithi Bhattacharya

Evening  Conference dinner 2
Day 3: Saturday, May 11, 2019

9:00-10:00  **Keynote 2: Wendy Goldman**

Chair: Marcel van der Linden

10:00-10:15  Break

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

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

Alina-Sandra Cucu, “Cheap labour in the logic of the Romanian primitive socialist accumulation”

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

Shuxuan Zhou, “Gendering Primitive Accumulation in the People’s Republic of China”

Chair: Wendy Goldman

12:15-13:15  Lunch

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

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

Navyug Gill, “Accumulation by Attachment: Caste and the Politics of Land Ownership in Colonial Panjab”

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

Chair: Eric Vanhaute

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

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

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

Nisrin Elamin, “Contemporary land grabbing and the history of racial capitalism in central Sudan”

Chair: Jeannette Kamp

16:30-17:00  Break

17:00-19:00  **Panel 10: Results and prospects**

Peter Linebaugh
Sylvia Federici
Marcel van der Linden

Chair: Rossana Baragán