At the Vanguard of Colonialism: Global Perspectives on Timber Colonialism during the Age of Industrialization

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PROGRAMME
(Please note that the physical event is by invitation only.)

Day 1
Thursday, 9 November

9:00–9:30  Welcome
MATTHIAS BOLKÉUS BLOM, SCAS
IVA LUČIĆ, SCAS & Stockholm University
JIM CLIFFORD, University of Saskatchewan

9:30–10:45  Keynote
STÉPHANE CASTONGUAY, Professor, Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières, Canada
Scarcity and the Timber Frontier: Forest Extraction and Timber Consumption on a Global Scale

10:45–11:00  Break

Panel 1: Timber Colonialism in Different Settler Colonial States

11:00–12:30  JASON LEE NEWTON, Assistant Teaching Professor, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, USA
Reexamining the Turner Thesis: Labor and the Limits of Timber Colonialism in North America, 1628-1955

SAMIRA MORETTO, Associate Professor, Federal University of Fronteira Sul, Brazil
Deforestation Processes and Reforestation Practices in Southern Brazil, in the 20th and 21st Centuries

Commentator: SABINE HÖHLER, Professor, Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm, Sweden

12:30–14:00  Break
Panel 2: Timber Colonialism in Sub-Polar and Polar Regions

14:00–15:45  
**Michael Kraemer**, PhD Candidate, Ohio State University, USA  
*The Forests of Sheet’ká: Failed Timber Colonialism in Lingít Aani*

**Lars Östlund**, Professor, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Sweden  
*A Timber Frontier Moving into Indigenous Sami Territory in the 19th century: Colonialism and Loss of the Land Tenure in Sapmi*

**Vasily Borovoy**, PhD Candidate, University College Dublin, Ireland  
*Forest Economy in the European North of Russia, 1890s–1930s*

Commentator: **Dag Avango**, Professor, Luleå University of Technology, Sweden

15:45–16:15  Break

Panel 3: Timber Colonialism in Eastern Canada

16:15–18:00  
**Raymond Alexander Hunter**, Postdoctoral Fellow, Brown University, USA  
*Making Ruins, Producing Wilderness: Lumbering, Colonialism, and the Paradox of the “Wild” in Algonquin Park*

**Carolina Tytelman**, Adjunct Professor, Memorial University, Canada  
*Forestry and Colonialism in Labrador (Canada)*

**Jim Clifford**, Associate Professor, University of Saskatchewan, Canada &  
**Sam Huckerby**, Research Assistant, University of Saskatchewan, Canada  
*The Timber Trade and Early Agricultural Settlement in the Upper Ottawa River Valley*

Commentator: **Eleonor Marcussen**, Researcher, Linnaeus University, Växjö, Sweden

Day 2  
Friday, 10 November

Panel 4: Timber Colonialism in the European Periphery

09:00–10:45  
**Iva Lučić**, Pro Futura Scientia Fellow, SCAS & Associate Professor, Stockholm University, Sweden  
*Timber Colonialism without Colonies: Forest Exploitation in Bosnia and Herzegovina in the Era of Empires 1850-1918*

**Toms Kokins**, Instructor, Umeå University, Sweden  
*Sweden’s Timber Empire: Resource Driven Colonization in the Baltic Sea Region*

**Jawad Daheur**, Researcher, Center for Russian, Caucasian and Central European Studies, Paris, France  
*German and Austrian Timber Colonies in the Russian Empire: A Case of Extraction-Based Colonization?*

Commentator: **Stéphane Castonguay**, Professor, Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières, Canada

10:45–11:00  Break
Panel 5: Exporting Timber to the Colonies

11:00–12:30  
TONJE HAUGLAND SORENSEN, Postdoc Fellow, University of Bergen, Norway  
*From Scandinavia to Congo: Lumber, Prefabricated Houses, and Colonial Trade in Norway from 1880-1920*

PAUL MUNRO, Associate Professor, University of New South Wales, Australia &  
GREG VAN DER HORST, Independent Scholar  
*Timber Colonialism and Forest Reserve Imaginaries: Colonial Constructions, Legal Legacies and Governance Conflicts in Sierra Leone’s Kambui Hills*

Commentator: MARGARET HUNT, Professor, Uppsala University, Sweden

12:30–14:00  Break

Panel 6: Timber Colonialism in Asia

14:00–15:45  
VUALNAM PUMKHANSIAM, PhD Candidate, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India  
*Timber, Trade and Conservation in Colonial North-East Frontier India*

BUDHADITYA DAS, Assistant Professor, Ambedkar University Delhi, India  
*In Pursuit of the Most Important Timber Tree: Teak, Science, and Empire in 18th and 19th Century India*

THUY LINH NGUYEN, Associate Professor, Mount Saint Mary College, USA  
*Pine Trees in the Tropics, the Phi Lao: From Coal Mine Timber to Coastal Defender*

Commentator: GUNNEL CEDERLÖF, Professor, Linnaeus University, Växjö, Sweden

15:45–16:15  Break

16:15–17:15  Closing Remarks  
GRAEME WYNN, Emeritus Professor, University of British Columbia, Canada