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## PROGRAMME

Venue: Online via Zoom Webinar, <https://uu-se.zoom.us/j/62155208320> (Time zone: CET/Stockholm)

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

Day 1

Thursday, 9 November

9:00–9:30 Welcome  
**MATTIAS 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 Aaní*

**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