# INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP

The Challenge of Resource Imperialism: Labour, Science and Commodities in Circulation

University of Bern  
Mittelstrasse 43, Room 172  
16-17 October 2019  
Organiser: Moritz von Brescius (Bern)

## Wednesday 16 October 2019

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| 09.30-12.30 | **Panel I**: The art of timing: plant transfers and the management of plantation economies  
**Welcome & chair**: Stefan Rebenich (Bern), tbc  
**Ulrike Kirchberger** (Kassel): The Temporalities of Species Transfer across the Indian Ocean in the Age of Empire  
**Moritz von Brescius** (Bern): Unlocking the Tropics: Gustav Mann, Rubber and the Timing of British Resource Imperialism, 1859–1904  
**Andreas Bolte** (Freiburg): Temporal practices of plantation economy in British Malaya and the Dutch East Indies, ca. 1900–1940 |
| 12.30-14.00 | LUNCH BREAK                                                                                                 |
| 14.00-16.00 | **Panel II**: Visualising global trade in the age of empire  
**Iris Schröder** (Erfurt): Mapping the Riches of the Earth: Plants, Infrastructure and Trade, and the Rise of Economic Cartography in the Early 20th Century |
| 16.15-17:45 | **Keynote lecture**: Harry Liebersohn (Berlin/Illinois): Global collections: Kensington (London) and the World (Together with the ‘Forschungscolloquium nach 1800’, Unitobler, Room F 006)  
**Conference Dinner (Haus der Universität)** |
09.15-11.15  Panel III: Global commodities: trade, manufacturing and consumption  
Chair: Christof Dejung (Bern)

Rahul Markovits (Paris): Bubble or failed monopolistic strategy? The French Indies’ Company and the selling of North-American ginseng in Canton around 1750

Samuel Eleazar-Wendt (Frankfurt/Oder): Rubber Goods in Health: C. Müller Gummiwaren Berlin, 1875-1945

11.15-11.30  COFFEE/TEA

11:30-12:30  Panel IV: Objects in motion

Caroline Cornish (London): Accumulate to circulate: cultures of object exchange in late nineteenth-century museums

12:30-13:15  Concluding Discussion
Final comments: Peter-Paul Bänziger (Basel)

FAREWELL LUNCH