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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)

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**Wednesday 16 October 2019**

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- 09.15-09.30      **Opening remarks:** Moritz von Brescius
- 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**
- Ulrich Päßler** (Berlin): A Political Economy of Nature: Alexander von  
Humboldt's Essay on the Fluctuations in the Supplies of Gold
- 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