

Commodities of Empire Project Workshop

*Senate House (South Block, Ground Floor), Room G37
Malet Street, London WC1E 7HU*

Participants:

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Leida Fernández (CSIC, Madrid)
Sandip Hazareesingh (Ferguson Centre, Open University. Commodities of Empire Co-Director)
Cathie Krull (Queen's University, Canada)
John Levin (Digital humanities consultant)
Harro Maat (University of Wageningen)
Ratna Saptari (University of Leiden)
Jean Stubbs (Institute for the Study of the Americas. Commodities of Empire Co-Director)

Programme

- 0945 Welcome, and brief report on Commodities of Empire: the context for the workshop (*Jonathan, Sandip & Jean*)
- 1000 Digital plans: an internet strategy for the Commodities of Empire project. *Using the report prepared for us by John, we will discuss our options for developing the digital presence of Commodities of Empire, including incorporation of collaborative research projects.* Chair: Jonathan Curry-Machado
- 1100 Commodities and Anticommodities. *Harro will present progress to date, with contributions from Jonathan and Sandip. Discussion of plans for bringing this project to conclusion, including outputs, and subsequent possibilities.* Chair: Jean Stubb
- 1200 Environment, climate and plants. *Sandip will present current initiatives. Discussion of engagement with environmental themes, and future prospects.* Chair: Harro Maat
- 1300 Lunch
- 1400 Global circulation of tropical agricultural scientific knowledge. *Following on from Leida's presentation, we will discuss proposed development of a research group, future plans and funding possibilities.* Chair: Ulbe Bosma
- 1500 Cuba-Java. *Ulbe, Ratna, Jean and Jonathan will lead the discussion on how to develop this research initiative.* Chair: Sandip Hazareesingh
- 1600 Cuban diaspora. *Following Jean and Cathie's presentation of this project, discussion will in particular explore intersections with a commodities approach.* Chair: Paulo Drynot
- 1700 Concluding remarks

The workshop will be followed at 1800 with the book launch of Jonathan Curry-Machado's *Cuban Sugar Industry: Transnational Networks and Engineering Migrants in Mid-Nineteenth Century Cuba* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2011). This will also be in Senate House, Room G37.