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Thursday, November 9, 2023

12.30	Welcome Address
12.45 – 13.30	Keynote Prof. Dr. Debjani Bhattacharyya (Zurich) Climate Futures' Past: Law and Insurance in the Indian Ocean World
13.45 – 15.45	Panel A: Anthropocene, Capitalocene & Environment Chair: Prof. Dr. Debjani Bhattacharyya (Zurich) Antoni Ginot Julià (Girona): Fishing techniques and fisheries management: past strategies for present solutions Lukas Held (Zurich): The Past as Moral Reservoir and Filter. How 'commons' thinking creates and (mis-)uses history Olivier Keller (Zurich): Conflict, construction, and cooperation in the capitalocene. The United States Railway Mission to Mexico Sabrina Sigel (Geneva): Exploring Environmental Awareness and Capitalist Realities: Lessons from São Paulo's Coffee Elite, 1850–1930
16.15 – 17.45	Panel B: Violence and War Chair: Prof. Dr. F. Benjamin Schenk (Basel) Lea Kasper (Basel): Smuggling Diplomats and Privately Organized Networks in Neutral Switzerland during World War II Benet Lehmann (Giessen): Visual Violence. The Responsibility of the Historian in the Age of Digital Publics at War Christian Futter (Basel): Postwar Justice: Navigating Collaboration, Reintegration, and Colonial Ambitions in Post-World War II France
18.30	Conference Dinner: KLARA, Clarastrasse 13, 4058 Basel https://www.klarabasel.ch/

Friday, November 10, 2023

09.30 – 11.30	Panel C: Health and Pandemics Chair: Prof. Dr. Laurence Monnai (Lausanne) Séveric Yersin (Basel): Of pandemics and social crisis. The Spanish Flu and the Swiss General Strike of 1918 Sophie Küsterling (Lucerne): Zwischen «staatlichem Selbstschutz» und wirtschaftlichem Nutzen: Die Heimschaffung psychisch kranker Deutscher aus Basel und Zürich (1914–1945) Sandra Fleischmann (Basel): Cutting costs? The Proliferation of Eugenics as a Response to heightened Welfare Expenses in the 1920s and 2020s
12.30 – 14.30	Panel D: Gender, Class and (In-)Equality Chair: Prof. Dr. Caroline Arni (Basel) Dominique Lysser (Fribourg): Too much might just be enough. Tone Policing and Social Justice Movements in historical Perspective Katrin Schneider (Basel): Bewegte Presse. Frauenseiten schweizerischer Tageszeitungen als Verhandlungsraum früherer feministischer Debatten, 1928–1970 Noemi Steuerwald (Berne): Gender and sport. An approach through equestrian sport. Marc Aberle (Geneva): The kingdoms of youth. Youth groups in modern times
14.45 – 16.45	Panel E: Global Economic Regimes Chair: Prof. Dr. Matthieu Leimgruber (Zurich) Thanushiyah Korn (Basel): Neocolonial Actors? The Power of International Financial Institutions in Rwanda 1990–1994 Josep Mas Ferrer (Girona): Understanding past inequality in order to achieve future equality? A case study on economic inequality in late pre-industrial era (north-eastern Spain, 1750–1825) Dion Baillargeon Binimelis (Girona): Craft Guilds in Barcelona during the Second Half of the 18th Century: Death of a Middle Class? Fernando Alejandro Remache (Bremen): The idea of progress, national identity myths and developmentalism in Argentina: The Arturo Frondizi administration 1958–1962
17.15	Roundtable discussion with Prof. Dr. Corey Ross (Basel), Thanushiyah Korn, M.A. (Basel), Prof. Dr. Laurence Monnai (Lausanne), Monique Ligtenberg, M.A. (Zurich), Dr. Lea Haller (NZZ Geschichte) Chair: Prof. Dr. Jan-Friedrich Missfelder (Basel)
18.30	Farewell Drinks