



PIERRE DU BOIS DOCTORAL WORKSHOP

Modernizing Landscapes: New Histories of Development and the Environment between Europe and the World

Friday 22 October 2021 | 9:15 - 19:30

Maison de la paix, chemin Eugène-Rigot 2, 1202 Genève, Room S8

9:15 – 9:30 OPENING REMARKS

9:30 - 11:00 PANEL 1

MORE-THAN-HUMAN AGENTS OF DEVELOPMENT

Chair: SUSANNA **HECHT**, the Graduate Institute, Geneva

MONA BIELING, the Graduate Institute, Geneva

→ British Environmental Orientalism and the Palestinian Goat (1917–1948)

JOSHUA THEW, the Graduate Institute, Geneva

→ The muse of Rural Assistance in Greece for Relief and Rehabilitation: Near East Foundation and UNRRA, 1944–1947

EFRAT GILAD, University of Bern

→ Pork in Palestine: Urban Breeders, British Bureaucrats, and Wartime Meat Production

Discussant: EMILY **BROWNELL**, University of Edinburgh

11:00 - 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 – 13:00 PANEL 2

COLONIAL (INFRA)STRUCTURES OF DEVELOPMENT

Chair: AMALIA **RIBI FORCLAZ**, the Graduate Institute, Geneva

MOE OMIYA, University of Zurich

→ Modernisations from the 'West' and the 'East': German and Japanese Urbanisation Projects in Tsingtao, China, between 1898 and 1945

AMAL SHAHID, the Graduate Institute, Geneva

→ Famine Relief and Public Works Construction in late 19th century Colonial North India

AHMAD FAHOUM, the Graduate Institute, Geneva

→ 'Rendered Fit for Colonization': Anti-malarial Water Projects and Colonial Development in British-Mandated Palestine

Discussant: ANTOINE **ACKER**, the Graduate Institute, Geneva

14:00 – 15:00 CONVERSATION AND Q&A

CRAFTING A CAREER AS A SCHOLAR

15:00 - 15:30 Coffee break

15:30 - 17:00 PANEL 3

SCIENCE, EXPERTISE, AND THE DEVELOPMENT LANDSCAPE

Chair: SHAILA **SESHIA GALVIN**, the Graduate

Institute, Geneva

MICHELE SOLLAI, the Graduate Institute, Geneva

→ The Scientific Conquest of the Empire: Agrarian Experts and the Discovery of the 'Local' in Italianoccupied Ethiopia

NATHALIA **CAPELLINI**, the Graduate Institute,

→ How to Build a Mega Dam on a Tropical Forest? Hydroelectricity Implantation on the Brazilian Amazon during the Military Dictatorship (1964–1984) SIMON LOBACH, the Graduate Institute, Geneva

→ Enclosing Amazonia: The racialized landscapes of the Caribbean Amazon

Discussant: HELEN A. **CURRY**, University of Cambridge

17.30 – 19.00 ROUNDTABLE

WRITING THE HISTORY
OF DEVELOPMENT AND THE
ENVIRONMENT: PAST, PRESENT,
AND FUTURE APPROACHES

With:

EMILY BROWNELL
ANTOINE ACKER
HELEN A. CURRY
and SHAILA SESHIA GALVIN

20:00 Workshop dinner for participants