Exploiting Nature, Making an Empire
Natural Resource Extraction in the Late Habsburg Empire

Online conference organized by Iva Lučić, University of Uppsala, and Jawad Daheur, Center for Russian, Caucasian and Central European Studies, Paris.

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Thursday, 20 May 2021

09:30  Introduction
Iva Lučić & Jawad Daheur

10:00  Keynote lecture
Manufacturing versus Resource Extraction. Unequal Division of Labour and Regional Shifts in Core-Periphery Relations in the Habsburg Monarchy (18/19th c.)
Andrea Komlosy – University of Vienna

11:00  Break

11:10  Panel I
Get Out of Our Forest! Rural Societies, National Mobilization, State-Building and Modern Forestry in Transylvania 1900-1940
Gábor Egry – Institute of Political History, Budapest

Imperial, Regional, and Local Regulation of Water and its Inter-Imperial Entanglements
Jana Osterkamp – Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich

Chair: Iva Lučić
Commentator: Margaret Hunt – University of Uppsala

12:40  Lunch Break

13:40  Panel II
The Establishment and Management of the Investment Fund of Croatian-Slavonian Military Border as an Example of the State Forest Management during the Reign of Franz Joseph I.
Robert Skenderović – History Institute, Slavonski Brod

Securing the Forests: A Relational Approach to Transborder Conflicts and Contestations in the Late Ottoman and Habsburg Empires
Selçuk Dursun – Middle East Technical University, Ankara

Chair: Jawad Daheur
Commentator: Ana Sekulić – European University Institute, Florence

15:10  Break

15:30  Panel III
Indian Mongooses in the Adriatic: Knowledge, Infrastructure and Improvement
Wolfgang Göderle – Karl Franzens University, Graz

Traditional and Innovative Agroforestry during the Late Habsburg Empire in Hungary
Anna Varga – Rachel Carson Centre, Munich

Chair: Iva Lučić
Commentator: Ségolène Plyer – University of Strasbourg
Friday, 21 May 2021

09:30 Panel IV

*Was there an Interplay between Ethnic Composition, State Intervention and the Patterns of the Commodification of Timber in Forested Areas? Two Regional Examples from the Carpathians, 1890-1919*

Robert Balogh – University of Debrecen

*Contested “Rights in Nature”: Practices of Forest Use Regulation in Habsburg Bosnia-Herzegovina on the Crossroad between Private Capital, Local Population, and the Imperial State*

Iva Lučić – University of Uppsala

Chair: Jawad Daheur
Commentator: Pieter Judson – European University Institute, Florence

11:00 Break

11:10 Panel V

*Bark Beetle and the Natural Resources Exploitation in the Böhmerwald Region (1868–1877)*

Kristýna Kaucká – Masaryk Institute and Archives, Prague

*Resource Governance in Time of Drought: The Struggle over Fodder Exports in Cisleithania at the Turn of the 19th and 20th Century*

Jawad Daheur – Center for Russian, Caucasian and Central European Studies, Paris

Chair: Iva Lučić
Commentator: Gunnel Cederlöf – Linnaeus University, Växjö

12:40 Lunch Break

13:40 Panel VI

*State versus Peasants? The Forest Transition in Late Habsburg Austria*

Simone Gingrich and Martin Schmid – University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna

Chair: Jawad Daheur
Commentator: Fredrik Charpentier Ljungqvist – University of Stockholm

14:40 Break

15:00 Roundtable discussion: Imperial Statehood, Nature, and Private Capital

Gunnel Cederlöf – Linnaeus University, Växjö
Per Högselius – KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm
Pieter Judson – European University Institute, Florence

Moderation: Iva Lučić & Jawad Daheur

16:00 End of the conference