

Comparative Perspectives on Taxation and the Colonial State

September 25, 2025

14:00 Arrival and Registration

15:00 - 15:30 Introduction

Marc Buggeln and Jan Kreutz, both Europa-Universität Flensburg

15:30 - 16:45 Keynote-Lecture: Comparative Research on Colonial Finance: Achievements, Unanswered Questions, and Future Directions

Anne Booth, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London

16:45 - 17:15 Coffee-Break 1

17:15 bis 18:30 Panel 1 Imperial Rule and the Categorization of Taxpayers

- Sarah Albiez-Wieck, Universität Münster: Taxes and Hair – Controlling the Chinese in the Spanish Philippines, 17th-19th century
- Naz Yucel, Independent Scholar: Debating Taxation in the Ottoman Empire after the Second Constitutional Revolution

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9:30 - 11:00 Panel 2: Case Studies on Colonial Taxation, part 1

- Laura Channing, Durham University: Colonial Taxation and Local Government in British West Africa
- Jan Kreutz, Europa-Universität Flensburg: Exercising Power and Balancing Budgets. The Construction of a Colonial Fiscal State in German East Africa.
- Maarten Manse, Linnaeus University, Växjö, Sweden: Promise and Pragmatism: Taxation and Governance in Colonial Indonesia, c 1870-1940

11:00 - 11:15 Pause

11:15 - 12:45 Panel 3 Case Studies on Colonial Taxation, part 2

- Madeline Woker, University of Sheffield: A Taxing Empire: Power and Taxation in the French Colonial Empire, 1850s-1950s
- Kleoniki Alexopoulou, Princeton University: Colonial State Formation and Fiscal Regimes in the Portuguese Colonies of Mozambique and Angola

12:45 - 14:00 Conference Lunch

14:00 - 15:30 Panel 4: Self-Assertion and Resistance to Taxation

- Uzoamaka Nwachukwu, Indiana University: Negotiating Citizenship through Taxation: Non-Violent Tax Resistance in Colonial Eastern Nigeria (1930-1960)
- Mads Yding, University of Copenhagen: A Share in Ruling the Waves. Taxation and Evasion in Colonial Turkana
- Yaruipam Muivah, École des hautes études en sciences sociales: From Tax Avoidance to Tax Revolt. Examples from Colonial India

15:30 - 17:00 Panel 5 Infrastructure, Business, and Colonial Taxation

- Kim Todzi, Universität Hamburg: Counting the Cost. Taxes, Business and the Colonial Economy of Cameroon, 1884-1914
- Nina Kleinöder, Universität Bamberg: Colonial Tracks. Building Railways between Private Enterprise and State Intervention

17:00 - 17:30 Coffee-Break 2

17:30 - 18:45 Keynote-Lecture: Colonial Taxation and Public Finance in the Age of Globalized Capitalism

Martin Daunton, University of Cambridge

19:30 Conference Dinner

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8:30 - 10:30 Panel 6 Long-Term-Effects of Colonial Taxation and Fiscal Extraction on Economic Development

- Gurminder K. Bhambra, University of Sussex
- Leigh Gardner, London School of Economics and Political Science
- Marlous van Waijenburg, Harvard Business School

10:30 - 11:30 General Discussion and Concluding Remarks

Conference Venue:

Europa-Universität Flensburg, Building Tallinn, Raum TAL 007