

Global History Lecture Series

Mission Statement for 2020

Global History Lecture Series is a joint effort of the Faculty of Economics, Kyoto Sangyo University; Division of Global History, Graduate School of Letters, Osaka University and the Department of History and Ethnology, University of Jyväskylä to bring together prominent scholars in the field of economic history, global history and colonial and imperial history to discuss, analyse and answer some of the challenges brought by the concept of ‘global’ in history.

The most significant paradigmatic objective of this lecture series is to renew, readjust and even restructure the contemporary study of the global history making use of hitherto case studies from less consulted regions of the world, including in Asia, Oceania, Latin America, Africa and small economies and societies of Europe. The lecture series advocates the study of economies and societies over extended periods of time and an understanding of the global framework, composed of markets, institutions and organisations, in which this behaviour occurs (e.g. McNeill 1990; O’Brien 2006; Pomeranz 2000). With this case method, it is hoped new information will be provided that will add perspectives to our understanding of the global history and possibly extend or clarify the concept of the ‘global’ as a whole. Secondly, our objective is to present new perspectives on interpretation to strengthen the points being made. Research to date has firmly advocated country-specific history while the role of the networks (e.g. in terms of trade, ideas and influences) between regions outside the ‘advanced’ areas of (mainly) Western Europe and North America has been largely neglected. The lecture series aims to address this impediment by bringing together a group of prominent scholars in the field of economic history, global history and colonial and imperial history to discuss, analyse and answer some of the challenges brought by the concept of ‘global’ in history.

The lecture series is organised by Professor Toshiaki Tamaki (Faculty of Economics, Kyoto Sangyo University), Professor Shigeru Akita (Division of Global History, Osaka University) and Docent Timo Särkkä (Department of History and Ethnology, University of Jyväskylä). The lectures will take place at Zoom (the exact dates and times will be announced separately). Our roll call of speakers includes the following scholars:

Lars Magnusson (Uppsala University)
Leos Müller (Stockholm University)
Michael North (Greifswald University)
Rodrigo Dominguez (Minho University)
Mehmet Bulut (İstanbul Sabahattin Zaim University)
Giorgio Riello (European University Institute)
Lisa Hellman (Lund University)
Klaus Weber (Europa-Universität Viadrina in Frankfurt, Oder)