Symposium:

“Critical Perspectives on World History”

Organizers: Professor Janken Myrdal, Swedish Agricultural University, Uppsala; Professor Alf Hornborg, Lund University

Sponsors: The Bank of Sweden Tercentenary Foundation


Preliminary program

Thursday May 23

09.00-09.15 Welcome and introduction

09.15-10.00 Keynote lecture by J.R. McNeill: Historians, Superhistory, and Climate Change

10.00-10.15 Discussion

10.15-10.45 Coffee break

10.45-12.45

Janken Myrdal: The Need for Source Criticism in World History


Gunnel Cederlöf: The World in the Eye of the Beholder, or, The Writing of Historical Events in a Monsoon Landscape

Jonathan Friedman & Kajsa Ekholm-Friedman: On Not Learning from History….Again!

12.45-14.00 Lunch

14.00-15.30

Eva Myrdal: Unequal Sets of Data – So How to Write World History?

Mats Widgren: Mapping Agricultural History: Ideology and Empirical Facts

Alf Hornborg: The Industrial Revolution as a World-Historical Phenomenon

15.30-16.00 Coffee break

16.00-17.00 Discussion
Friday May 24

09.30-10.30
Olle Frödin: *Institutional Shifts and Governance Change: Re-thinking the State-Society Nexus in World-historical Perspective*

Pernille Gooch: A “Green State” in the Eastern Himalayas: Looking at Sikkim from a World History Perspective

10.30-11.00 Coffee break

11.00-12.30
Simo Laakkonen: *The Seven Seas: Potential Themes for Environmental History Studies of Seas and Oceans*

Silke Neunsinger: *Mind the Gap! An Entangled History of Economic Citizenship and the Demand for Equal Pay 1945-2000*

Jussi Pakkasvirta: *When Nationalism Became Universal?*

12.30-13.45 Lunch

13.45-15.15
Thomas Malm: *An Ocean in Mind: Epeli Hau’ofa’s “Sea of Islands” Revisited*

Andreas Malm: *Steamroll all the Brutes: Fossil Energy in the British Empire, 1824-1842*


15.15-15.35 Coffee break

15.35-16.00 Concluding discussion