

Ideal Agriculture and its Afro-Asian Realities: Foreign Aid Written from the Field and Cookery

Thu, 25.9.25, K02-F-152

Two Years of Discoveries

17:30 Roundtable Discussion

with Asebe Regassa Debelo (UZH), Bianca Murillo (CSU), and Francesca Bray (Edinburgh)
– You can join on Zoom via this QR code:



19:00 Apéro



Fri, 26.9.25, KOL-N-1

Paper Workshop

9:00–10:30 Japan's Development Ideals and Realities

Scott Ma (UZH): "Youth Pioneers within Japanese Foreign Aid: From Manchurian Colonization to International Development"
– commented by Aya Homei (Manchester)

Aya Homei: "Infrastructure for South-South Cooperation: Japan's ODA and Family Planning with Indonesia, 1960s–1990s"
– commented by Yi-Tang Lin (UZH)

10:45–12:15 Debt and Consumers in West Africa

Bianca Murillo: "Histories of Debt and Refusal in Postcolonial Ghana" – commented by Harro Maat (Wageningen)

William Blakemore Lyon (UZH): "How Ghana Became a Rice Eating Nation: Centring Consumer Preferences in a Changing Society, 1972–2001" – commented by Bianca Murillo

12:15–13:45 Lunch

13:45–14:45 Open History Method

Petra Gerber & Devin Routh (UZH): "Leveraging Open Source LLMs for Historical Databases of Agricultural Science Research"
– commented by Gabor Toth (Luxembourg)

15:00–16:30 Chemical Ideals

Yi-Tang Lin: "Rokupr and the Sciences of Mangrove Rice Farming"
– commented by Harro Maat

Amalia Ribí (IHEID): "Chemical Crossroads: Agrarian Transitions, Pesticides Controversies and International Governance, 1940–1970"
– commented by Dominic Glover (IDS)



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