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the Global Challenges of Rural History*

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PANEL DESCRIPTION

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Panel title EN: Labour migration and agrarian regimes in European colonial empires (19th-20th centuries). PT: ES:
Abstract (English) Exploring the intersections between imperial and colonial labour history and the field of rural history, this panel will focus on the connected histories of labour migration, namely enslaved and forced labour, and of the establishment, and <i>globalized</i> role, of colonial agrarian regimes in the nineteenth- and twentieth centuries. The institutionalization of labour regimes of sugar, coffee, cotton and cocoa cultivation, for instance, was related to slave trade and later to the changes brought about by the rise of <i>legitimate commerce</i> within imperial and colonial worlds – simply, from slave-systems to regimes of forced or contract labour. These labour regimes, which involved processes of massive (forced) displacement, were crucial to the establishment of particular colonial agrarian regimes. Together they formed the cornerstone of the political and the moral economies of <i>new imperialism</i> , being related to the emergence of social systems of dual citizenship and modalities of racialization promoted by the colonial state, and leading to the institution of <i>cultures obligatoires</i> and to the definition of specialized economic centres: sugar in Brazil and the Caribbean, cocoa in São Tomé and Príncipe, Nigeria or Ivory Coast, cotton and sisal in Sudan or Mozambique, rubber in Guinea or in Belgian Congo, or groundnuts in Senegal. The panel “Labour migration and agrarian regimes in European colonial empires (XIX-XX)” welcomes papers that address these connected histories, focusing on the political, economic, legal and social idioms and repertoires associated to the constitution of colonial labour and agrarian regimes.
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