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## **Towards a global history of the consumer co-operative movement**

**ABF-huset Stockholm, Sveavägen 41, 2-4 May 2012**

### **Programme**

*All sessions take place in Palmesalen unless stated otherwise below*

#### **Wednesday 2 May**

**17.00-17.30** Welcome and practical information (Mary Hilson, UCL and Silke Neunsinger, ARAB)

**17.30-18.30** Opening lecture "Why global history?" (Marcel van der Linden, IISH)

**18.30-20.00 Reception**

#### **Thursday 3 May**

##### **8.00-10.00 Plenary: African Connections**

"Casualties inevitable" Consumer co-operatives in Africa (Linda Shaw, The Co-operative College)

"Analysis of social economic impact of consumer co-operatives in Kenya" (Esther Gicheru, Co-operative College of Kenya)

"Consumer co-operatives in Tanzania", (Suleman A Chambo, Moshi University College of Co-operative and Business Studies)

Comment: Silke Neunsinger, ARAB

**10.00-10.30 Coffee**

##### **10.30-12.30 Plenary: English language connections I**

"Patterns, limitations and associations: The consumer co-operative movement in Canada, 1828 to the present" (Ian MacPherson, University of Victoria)

"Canadian and US Catholic promotion of co-operatives in Central America and the Caribbean and their political implications" (Catherine LeGrand, McGill University and Susan Fitzpatrick Behrens, California State University, Northridge)

"Fighting monopoly and enhancing democracy: A historical overview of US consumer co-operatives" (Greg Patmore, University of Sydney)

"African American consumer co-operation" (Jessica Gordon Nembhard, City University of New York)

Comment: Mary Hilson, UCL

##### **12.30-13.00 Plenary discussion: summary of morning sessions**

Mary Hilson, UCL and Akira Kurimoto, Consumer Co-operative Institute of Japan

**13.00-14.00 Lunch****14.00-16.00 Parallel Sessions****Session 1: English Language Connections II**

•History and growth of the consumer co-operative movement in Indiaö (Rekha Ramesh Gaonkar, MES College of Arts and Commerce, Goa University)

•Indian coffee workersøco-operative association: Calcuttaö (Bhaswati Bhattacharya, IISH)

•Rochdale consumer co-operatives in Australia and New Zealandö (Nikola Balnave, Macquarie University and Greg Patmore, University of Sydney)

Comment: Marcel van der Linden, IISH

**Session 2: European connections I (Per-Albin-rummet)**

•History of consumer co-operation in Franceö (Simon Lambersens, Sciences Po Grenoble, with Amélie Artis and Danièle Demoustier, ESEAC-IEPG, and Alain Mélo, AXALP)

•The Belgian co-operative model, 1881-1914. Factors for success or failureö (Geert van Goethem, Amsab-Institute of Social History)

•Consumer co-operatives in the Nordic countries, 1950-2010ö (Espen Ekberg, University of Agder/University of Oslo)

Comment: Nikola Balnave, Macquarie University

**16.00-16.30 Coffee****16.30-18.30 Plenary: Asian connections**

"Building consumer democracy: The evolution of consumer co-operation in Japan, 1945-2010" (Akira Kurimoto, Consumer Co-operative Institute of Japan)

•The experience of the consumer co-operative movement in Korea: its break off and rebirthö (Hyungmi Kim, Meiji University)

•Consumer co-operative history in Indonesia: Lessons from a failureö (Suroto, Institute for Indonesian Co-operative Development Studies)

•Consumer co-operatives in the Peopleø Republic of China: Past, present and outlookö (Kay-Wah Chan, Macquarie University and Mary Ip, University of New South Wales)

Comment: Greg Patmore, University of Sydney

**18.30-19.30 Plenary: summary of first dayø discussions and consequences for the project**

Ian Mac Pherson, University of Victoria and Ann-Catrin Östman, Åbo Akademi University.

**20.00 Dinner****Friday 4 May****8.00-10.00 Plenary: European connections II**

•Consumer co-operatives in Switzerland, 1850-2010ö (Bernard Degen, Universität Basel)

•Russian history of co-operation in the eastern regionsö (Natalia Burnasheva, North-Eastern Federal University)

•The Development of co-operatives in Sloveniaö (Tony OøRourke, University of Stirling)

•Consumer co-operation in Austriaö (Johann Brazda, Robert Schediwy, Florian Jagschitz, Holger Blisse, Universität Wien)

Comment: Akira Kurimoto, Consumer Co-operative Institute of Japan

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**10.00-10.30 Coffee****10.30-12.30 Plenary: European Connections III**

•Consumer co-operatives in Spain (1860-2010): an overview• (Francisco José Medina-Albaladejo, University of Murcia)

•Between leader-worship and members•democracy: the consumer co-operatives in a fascist context• (Tito Menzani, Università di Bologna)

•Consumer co-operation in Italy: a network of co-operatives with a multi-class constituency• (Patrizia Battilani, Università di Bologna)

Comment: Sigismundo Bialoskorski Neto, University of São Paulo

**12.30-13.00 Presentation by Swedish Co-operative Union (Kooperativa Förbundet)****13.00-14.00 Lunch****14.00-16.00 Plenary: Trade and Management**

•Co-operatives and the retail sector• (Eric Calderwood and Keri Davies, University of Stirling)

•Managing consumer co-operatives: An historical perspective• (Nikola Balnave, Macquarie University and Greg Patmore, University of Sydney)

•International Networks and Global Connections: The Business Strategies of the CWS since 1863• (Tony Webster, Liverpool John Moores University, John Wilson and Rachael Vorberg-Rugh, University of Liverpool)

•Debating co-operative trade• (Katarina Friberg, Linnaeus University)

Comment: Akira Kurimoto, Consumer Co-operative Institute of Japan

**16.00-16.30 Coffee****16.30- 18.00 Plenary: Romance language connections**

•History of Rochdalian co-operatives in Latin America: A special case of consumers•co-operatives• (Sigismundo Bialoskorski Neto, University of São Paulo)

•Consumer co-operativism in a changing economy: the Argentine case• (Mirta Vuotto, Griselda Verbeke and María Eugenia Castela Caruana, University of Buenos Aires)

•Consumer cooperatives in Portugal: debates and experiences from XIX to XXI century• (Dulce Freire, Instituto de Ciências Sociais da Universidade de Lisboa and Joana Pereira Dias, New University of Lisbon)

Comment: Ian MacPherson, University of Victoria

**18.00-19.30 Plenary: summary of day• discussions and consequences for the project**

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