Beyond Circulation: Non-Western Universalisms and Global Histories of Science

Graduate Student and Young Scholar Workshop

Time: Friday-Saturday, October 7-8, 2016
Location: 513 Fayerweather (Friday), 918 International Affairs Building (Saturday)

Organizers: John Chen, Angela Giordani

Faculty Supervisors: Marwa Elshakry, Eugenia Lean, Anupama Rao

Day One

Breakfast (8:45-9:15am)

Opening remarks: Anupama Rao (9:15-9:30am)

1. Mechanizations of the Human (9:30am-11:00pm)
   Presenters:
   Shehab Ismail (Columbia), “Epicures and Experts: The Controversy over Drinking Water in British Colonial Cairo”
   Discussant:
   Lan Li (Columbia)
   Coffee break to 11:15am

2. Science and Nineteenth-Century Transformation (11:15am-12:45pm)
   Presenters:
   Chris Gratien (Harvard), “Political Ecologies of Rice in the Ottoman Parliament”
   Discussant:
   Vanessa Ogle (UPenn)
   Lunch to 1:45pm

3. Traditions in Formation (1:45-3:15pm)
Presenters:
Angela Giordani (Columbia), “Renaissance, Reoriented: Mustafa ‘Abd al-Raziq’s Prolegomena and the Claim to Islamic Philosophy in 1930s Egypt”
Elias Saba (UPenn), “Establishing Legal Genres: The Case of Riddles and Distinctions”

Discussant:
Brinkley Messick (Columbia)

Coffee break to 3:30pm

4. Transformations and Rediscoveries of “Indigenous” Medicine (3:30-5:00pm)

Presenters:
Seçil Yılmaz (Cornell), “Franchised Science, Royalized Practice: The ‘Bacteriological Turn’, Medical Missions, and Syphilis in the Late Ottoman Empire”
John Chen (Columbia), “From ‘Insulting the Religion’ to ‘Saving the Nation’: Modern Chinese Muslims’ Rediscovery and Politicization of Islamic Medicine”

Discussant:
Projit Mukharji (UPenn)

Dinner 7pm: Pisticci

Day Two

Breakfast 9:30am

5. Conceptual Emergences (10:00-11:30am)

Presenters:
Susanna Ferguson (Columbia), “Tracing Tarbiya: The Political Economy of Pedagogy in Ottoman Lebanon”
Robert Cole (NYU), “‘That the Fullest Benefit of the Soil Be Realized’: Global Agrarian Crisis and the Problem of Rent in Chinese Economic Thought, 1921-1937”

Discussant:
Andrew Sartori (NYU)

Coffee break to 11:45am

6. Synthesis Panel (11:45am-1:00pm)

Chairs:
Eugenia Lean
Marwa Elshakry

Lunch and wrap-up