

# GLOBAL COTTON: COTTON AS A CASE OF PRECOCIOUS GLOBALIZATION

13-14 January 2017 – Nuffield College

## Programme

**Friday 13 January 2017 at 5pm (Large Lecture Room, Nuffield College)**

Plenary lecture: Giorgio Riello, 'Trade, consumption and industrialisation: cotton textiles in the 18c'

**Saturday 14 January 2017 (Senior Common Room, Nuffield College)**

9.25 Welcome

9.30-11.00 *The Material Atlantic: Textiles and Culture in the Atlantic World*

Robert DuPlessis (Swarthmore College), 'Socio-cultural geographies of cottons consumption'

Discussant: Giorgio Riello (Warwick University)

11.00 Coffee

11.15-12.45 *The Meaning of Cotton: Fabrics and Fashion in Europe*

John Styles (Univ of Hertfordshire), 'What was cotton? Fashion and fibres in European markets, 1500-1800'

Discussant: Maxine Berg (Warwick University)

12.45 Lunch

1.45-3.45 *Cotton and Divergence: India and China*

Huw Bowen (Swansea University), 'East India Company imports of cotton textiles 1756-1834'

David Washbrook (Trinity College, Cambridge), 'Why India? Comparative advantage in the early modern world'

Kent Deng (LSE) – 'How and why cotton took over linen and silk and became the mainstream fabric during the Mongol colonization of China'

3.45 Tea

4.00-6.00 *Cotton in British Industrialisation: explaining British 'precocity'*

Will Ashworth (Liverpool University), 'Protectionism, regulation and the British cotton industry, 1700 to 1800'

Peter Maw (Leeds University), 'After the Great Inventions: Incremental technological changes in cotton-spinning mills in England, 1780-1830'

Patrick O'Brien (LSE), 'Macro inventors and macro inventions in the English cotton textile industry from the flying shuttle to the powered loom'

Discussant: Pat Hudson (Cardiff University)

