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Between Precarity and Persistence: Concepts, Methods, and Topics in Global History

**International conference in honour of
the 70th birthday of Madeleine Herren**

5 February 2026, 11.15 a.m. to 6.30 p.m.
Institute for European Global Studies

Organisers: Cornelia Knab, Lars Kury, Corey Ross

Program

11:15 – 11:30

Introduction

Corey Ross (Basel) and Lars Kury (Basel)

11:30 – 13:00

Keynote Lecture: *Thinking in Chains: Revisiting the Emergence of Global Cotton Capitalism, 1784–1833*

Mary O’Sullivan (Geneva)

Chair: Corey Ross (Basel)

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch Break

14:00 – 14:45

Salvaging Global History

Roland Wenzlhuemer (Munich)

Chair: Lars Kury (Basel)

14:45 – 15:30

Human Origins: A Global Perspective

Johannes Paulmann (Mainz)

Chair: Benjamin Auberer (Munich)

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee Break

16:00 – 16:45

Race Decolonisation and Human Rights: Thinking Global European History from the Perspective of the Ecumenical Movement

Isabella Löhr (Potsdam)

Chair: Lea Katharina Kasper (Basel)

16:45 – 17:30

Selling Global Economic History to Gens Z and Alpha, or how to write a Book?

Ines Prodöhl (Bergen)

Chair: Carolin Liebisch-Gümüş (Potsdam)

17:30 – 18:30

Round Table

Susanna Burghartz (Basel) · Amalia Ribi Forclaz (Geneva)

Madeleine Herren (Basel) · Kerstin von Lingen (Vienna)

Moderation: Corey Ross (Basel)

From 19:00

Greeting Address: Thomas Staehelin (President, Stiftung Europainstitut Basel)

Tribute for Madeleine Herren: Sacha Zala (Bern)

Apéro Riche