

# POVERTY AND SCARCITY IN GLOBAL HISTORY

Conference of the Queen's Global History Initiative  
and the Poverty Research Network at University of Glasgow

**February 3-4, 2022**  
**Online (access links below)**

Organized by Julia McClure, Amitava Chowdhury, Swen Steinberg, Mike Borsk and  
Mike Ross

## SCHEDULE (ALL TIMES EST)

### FEBRUARY 3, 2022

9:30am **Opening remarks:** Julia McClure & Amitava Chowdhury

9:45-11:15am **PANEL 1: FAMINE AND HUNGER**

**Debadrita Saha**

"I can stand this hunger no longer:" Tracing the rise of Brahminical nationalism in the light of the 1770 Bengal Famine in *Anandamath*

**Iryna Skubii**

Being Poor During a Famine: Materialities of Survival in Soviet Ukraine

**Steven Serels**

A Poverty of Sweetness: Sugar and Scarcity in Sudanese History

**Comment:** Rebecca Manley

11:15-11:30am Break

11:30am-1pm **PANEL 2: CONCEPTS OF SCARCITY**

**Aida Fernández Prieto**

Poverty, Fear of Poverty and Fear of the Poor and Destitute in the Ancient Greek World: Between *Peniaphobia* and *Aporophobia*

**Norberto Osvaldo Ferreras**

Josué de Castro's "Geopolitics of Hunger (1946):" The discovery of hunger in Brazil

**Lisa Payne Ossian**

Solemn Promises, Spiritual Reconstruction: Two Presidents Craft the Marshall Plan in 1947

**Comment: Steven Serels**

1-1:15pm Break

1:15-2:45pm **KEYNOTE 1**

**Candace Fujikane**, Department of English at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

**Mapping Indigenous Economies of Abundance against Capitalist Economies of Poverty and Scarcity**

**Moderator:** Amitava Chowdhury

## **FEBRUARY 4, 2022**

9-10:30am **KEYNOTE 2**

**Anya Zilberstein**, Department of History at Concordia University

**Poor Creatures: Food Aid for People and other Animals in the Eighteenth Century**

**Moderator:** Swen Steinberg

10:30-10:45am Break

10:45-11:45am **PANEL 3: COLONIALISM AND POVERTY**

**Michele Luppi**

'Keep colonizing:' overpopulation, migration, and settlement in the development policies of the Italian Republic, 1947-1960

**Scott Eaton**

Colony by Fire: Disaster, Poverty, Reform and the St. John's Conflagrations of 1816-1819

**Comment:** Julia McClure

11:45-12:00pm Break

12:00-2:00pm **PANEL 4: RESPONSES TO POVERTY AND SCARCITY**

**Mohit Abrol**

Looking Back in Anger? A Case Study of the Farmers' Protest, the 1943 Bengal Famine and Manufactured Scarcities in India

**Ashoka Vardhan Manchala**

The Meyer-Dey Debate: Overcoming Poverty through "Community" in India, c. 1946-1962

**Egbule Philip Onyekachukwu**

The Paradox of Poverty amidst Plenty and Wealth-Based Inequality in Nigeria: How the Nigerian-Biafran War (6 July 1967 - 15 January 1970)

**Nicole Gipson**

Making the Third Ghetto: Homelessness in New York City (1970-1990)

**Comment:** Norberto Osvaldo Ferreras

2:00-2:15pm

**Closing remarks:** Mike Borsk & Mike Ross

**ACCESS TO THE CONFERENCE**

**Day 1, February 3, 2022**

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**Day 2, February 4, 2022**

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