



Seminar

## Collab History Seminar organized by the SNSF Project Group "Moral and Economic Entrepreneurship: A Collaborative History of Global Switzerland"

Spring 2026, 14:00 – 16:00

Campus – Brig and online

# Programme

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## Wednesday 18 February 2026

Michael Schmitz (UniDistance Suisse)

Title: Trading in Intermediary Spaces: A Swiss Trading Firm in Bahia's Global Cacao Economy, 1914–1945

## Tuesday 3 March 2026

Bernhard Schär & Caroline Montebello (UniDistance Suisse)

Title: Draft SNSF proposal "Ancestral Remains in Switzerland"

## Tuesday 10 March 2026

Amal Shahid (UNIL) & Soni (IIT Jodhpur)

Title: Draft SNSF/ICSSR Proposal "Swiss-India Economic Transformations c.1900–1990"

## Tuesday 17 March 2026

Izabel Barros (UNIL)

Title: Free people in an enslaved land: Free workers and their labour on a Swiss-owned plantation in Ilhéus, Bahia (1836–1860)

## Wednesday 15 April 2026

Elena Simonato (UNIL)

Book Talk: Les Suisse de la Mer Noire

## Tuesday 26 May 2026

Amal Shahid (UNIL)

Title: Draft article: The Basel Mission Trading Company in India during the First World War

The ColLab Seminar is a workshop-format seminar organised by the [SNSF Project Group "Moral and Economic Entrepreneurship: A Collaborative History of Global Switzerland"](#), and are devoted to discussion of ongoing research in Swiss global history, colonialism and adjacent themes; the format prioritises pre-circulated texts and collegial, research-focused exchange.  
To obtain the link for remote participation, please contact: [Caroline Montebello](#).