

## Third Bremen-Guelph Lecture

### “Commodity Politics: Contesting Responsibility in Cameroon”

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**Abstract:** In his talk, Dr. Adam Sneyd will discuss initial findings from a research project that he is leading in Cameroon on the politics of palm oil, cocoa, sugar, gold and the oil pipeline. His recently completed PhD student, Dr Steffi Hamann, a Bremen graduate, conducted field research for this project. The talk focuses on the new politics associated with 'responsibility'. Stakeholders in commodity projects make increasing use of this term. In what ways, if any, is the new politics of more 'responsible' commodities changing business-as-usual in Cameroon?

**Dr Adam Sneyd** is an Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science at the University of Guelph. He continues to be interested in knowing more about the politics of commodities, the politics of development, and the politics of science in the African context. He has written two academic books on the politics of cotton. The first, *Governing Cotton* (2011), focuses on the challenges associated with cotton and poverty reduction across Sub-Saharan Africa. The second, *Cotton* (2016), analyses the global politics that envelop this important commodity. His academic articles have been published in journals including *Third World Quarterly*, *Development and Change*, and the *Journal of Contemporary African Studies*. He has contributed analyses linked to his research programme to the *Financial Times* magazine *This is Africa*, and to *Think Africa Press* and *African Arguments*. He has moderated a high-level plenary at the World Trade Organization (WTO) on cotton in Africa, and is a member of the Academic and Scientific Advisory Council of the African Institute for Mathematical Sciences (AIMS), and the Scientific Program Committee of the Next Einstein Forum.

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**Everybody is welcome!**

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