Empire of Cotton: The Global Origins of Capitalism:

A Talk by Dr. Sven Beckert

Thursday, April 21st, 2016 4-6pm
Cape Cod Lounge-Student Union

Sven Beckert’s rich, fascinating book tells the story of how, in a remarkably brief period, European entrepreneurs and powerful statesmen recast the world’s most significant manufacturing industry, combining imperial expansion and slave labor with new machines and wage workers to change the world.

Book signing to follow discussion

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Beckert’s research and teaching center on the history of the United States in the nineteenth century, with a particular emphasis on the history of capitalism, including its economic, social, political and transnational dimensions.