

Endless Grounds: Coffee's Social, Economic, and Cultural Life

Coffee will provide a lively lens on major past and present issues, including climate change, social life, health, global North–South differences, social and economic justice, tourism, and slavery. We will begin “from the ground up,” tracing coffee from planting and processing through shipping and, ultimately, the beverage in our cups - part of nearly two billion cups consumed daily worldwide. We will explore coffee’s global history and its shift from an elite drink to an everyday staple. Drawing on current research, we will examine coffee and health, as well as practical questions such as how more income might reach farmers and how coffee production might adapt to a changing climate. The instructor will share firsthand experiences from coffee farms around the world, discuss a range of brewing methods, and demonstrate how coffee is brewed. Sessions will be interactive, with time for questions throughout.



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YOUR INSTRUCTOR: Robert Thurston, PhD



Robert Thurston, PhD, is Emeritus Professor of History at Miami University (Oxford, Ohio). He earned a BA in History from Northwestern University and a PhD in modern Russian history from the University of Michigan. His writing spans twentieth-century Russian/Soviet history, witch hunts (Europe and Salem), the body in the Anglosphere (1880–1920), and coffee as an economic and social force. A devoted coffee educator, he has opened a roastery and coffee shop and has visited coffee farms from Asia to South America.

THURSDAYS, JULY 9 THROUGH AUGUST 13

8am PT | 9am MT | 10am CT | 11am ET

Each live session is 90 minutes

- Thursday, July 9
- Thursday, July 16
- Thursday, July 23
- Thursday, July 30
- Thursday, August 6
- Thursday, August 13

To register, please contact your local Osher Institute.