

## Editor's Notes

EDITOR'S REPORT, SEPTEMBER 1996

On July 1, 1996, Gary Libecap replaced Naomi Lamoureaux as the co-editor of the *Journal of Economic History* in charge of North-American subjects. This JOURNAL's office in Evanston, IL, became the senior office, and all first submissions should be sent to its address. Susan Isaac was appointed Assistant Editor at the University of Arizona office, and Shawn Kantor has been appointed Associate Editor in charge of book reviews on U.S economic history. Steve Reich continues to serve as Assistant Editor at the Evanston office.

Per decision of the EHA's Board of Trustees, this JOURNAL will no longer publish the papers presented at its annual convention in the June issue. Instead, the June issue will contain the Presidential address, the dissertation summaries and convener comments presented at the annual dissertation session, and 150-word abstracts of *all* papers presented at the meetings.

With the publication of this issue, the JOURNAL has switched to camera-ready production. Typesetting will take place by computer in the senior editorial office and a camera-ready master copy will be produced there. Contributors are advised to follow the new set of instructions to authors that will be available upon request.

The JOURNAL now accepts correspondence, book reviews, and referee reports by email and urges the members to take advantage of this technology, given the cost of Federal Express and the delays of regular air and surface mail. The email address in Evanston is [jeh@nwu.edu](mailto:jeh@nwu.edu). The email address at the University of Arizona is [sisaac@u.arizona.edu](mailto:sisaac@u.arizona.edu).

The flow of manuscripts at the JOURNAL is summarized in Table 1: The table clearly shows that the number of new submissions is reasonably stable over time, hovering slightly over 100. The division of papers between the two offices fluctuates a bit from year to year but is consistent in the longer run with an equal-shares view of the division of labor

TABLE 1  
REGULAR ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS BY WORLD AREA, BROKEN DOWN  
BY TOPIC, JULY 1993–JUNE 1996 (totals)

Topic	July 1993–June 1994		July 1994–June 1995		July 1995–June 1996	
	North America <sup>a</sup>	Rest of the World <sup>b</sup>	North America	Rest of the World	North America	Rest of the World
Agriculture	5	3	5	6	2	3
Demography	3	8	3	3	10	3
Growth	1	7	1	6	1	12
Industry	2	9	8	5	3	9
Technology	4	2	2	3	1	2
Labor	5	7	12	11	4	2
Money and macro	8	5	2	2	1	6
Public finance	3	6	1	0	1	1
History of thought	1	4	3	4	1	1
International trade, finance	1	3	0	6	2	6
Urban and regional	3	3	4	1	7	3
Political economy	5	7	10	3	11	5
Private finance, capital markets	3	2	4	2	6	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>59</b>

<sup>a</sup>Includes articles normally handled by the North American Office: the United States, Canada, and the non-Spanish-speaking Caribbean countries.

<sup>b</sup>Includes articles normally handled by the International Office: all other countries and areas of the world.

*Note:* Totals exclude resubmissions and the June TASKS issue.

TABLE 2  
REGULAR-ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS BY REGION, 1 JULY–30 JUNE  
1993–1994, 1994–1995, AND 1995–1996  
(totals)

Region	Submissions		
	1993–1994	1994–1995	1995–1996
Australia	0	2	1
United States and Canada	52	60	57
Non-Spanish-speaking	0	2	0
Great Britain	23	31	21
Western Europe	20	12	18
Asia	6	6	14
Latin America	5	4	3
Eastern Europe/Russia	4	1	4
Africa	2	1	3
Middle East	1	1	2
Not applicable or unknown	11	4	2

*Note:* Articles that deal with more than one region are counted for each region.

between them.

Table 2 demonstrates reasonable stability in the division of papers by region, with the exception of a sharp rise in submissions dealing with Asia in 1995/96. Table 3 shows a significant increase in the number of articles dealing with twentieth century topics, with more or less stable numbers for other periods. Finally, Table 4 provides summary statistics on acceptance rates and decision lags in the past year.

TABLE 3  
REGULAR-ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS BY PERIOD, 1 JULY–30 JUNE  
1993–1994, 1994–1995, AND 1995–1996  
(totals)

Period	Submissions		
	1993–1994	1994–1995	1995–1996
Twentieth century	45	54	65
Nineteenth	44	52	55
Seventeenth/eighteenth	12	14	15
Pre-seventeenth century	7	10	8
Not applicable or unknown	11	2	3

*Note:* Articles that deal equally with more than one period are counted for each period.

TABLE 4  
SUMMARY STATISTICS, JULY 1, 1995–JUNE 30, 1996

Decision	American Office	International Office	Total
Accepted	16	12	28
Revise and resubmit	18	24	42
Rejected or withdrawn	28	27	55
Total	62	63	125

Publication Lags (in days)

Year	minimum	maximum	mean	median
1994/95	7	360	104	109
1995/96	6	286	96	85

*Notes:* This JOURNAL received a total of 143 submissions and resubmissions, of which decisions were made on 125. There were 18 submissions still pending on June 30, 1996.

We would like to conclude our report by welcoming to the editorial board blank new members: Steven Broadberry, Charles Calomiris, Avner Greif, John James, Robert McGuire, Jan-Luiten Van Zanden. We also thank outgoing members Cormac Ó Gráda, Edwin J. Perkins, Carole Shammas, Kenneth Sokoloff, John Wallis, Vera Zamagni for their years hard work, service, and dedication to the JOURNAL. We would also like to express our appreciation to all members of the profession who served as referees for article submissions and who wrote book reviews. In addition to the members of the editorial board, our referees for the past year were

Robert C. Allen, *University of British Columbia*

Jeremy Atask, *Vanderbilt University*

Richard Arnott, *Boston College*

Dan Barbezat, *Amherst College*

Michael Bernstein, *University of California, San Diego*

Tuvia Blumenthal, *Ben Gurion University*

Mike Bordo, *Rutgers University*

George Boyer, *Cornell University*

Loren Brandt, *University of Toronto*

Joyce Burnette, *Wabash College*

Erik Buyst, *Catholic University of Leuven*

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- Ian Inkster, *The Nottingham Trent University*
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- Brooks Kaiser, *Vassar College*
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- William Kennedy, *London School of Economics*
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- Adam Klug, *Ben Gurion University*
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- Gavin Wright, *Stanford University*
- Yishay Yafe, *Hebrew University*
- Timothy Yeager, *Humboldt College*

## "FAMILY AND HOUSEHOLD": REVISITING CONCEPTS AND EXPERIENCE

The conference will be held from the afternoon of January 2, 1998, through midday January 4, 1998, in Nottingham, at the city site of Nottingham Trent University, with accommodation in the nearby Stakis Hotel. Nottingham is not far from the M1, and is readily accessible by rail from a number of directions, including the Midland Main Line from London St. Pancras (journey time: approx. 1 hr., 50 mins.)

Offers of papers are invited from historians and others, and postgraduate students are also encouraged to submit offers of discussion papers relating to work in progress, to be included in proposed workshop sessions. The following list of themes and topics is offered as guidance but contributions outside these areas are welcome; there are no limits to period or place. It is also hoped that offers will be forthcoming from those seeking to challenge, as well as those seeking to explore, traditional understandings and usages of the terms *family* and *household*; drawing on theoretical concepts and on investigations of past experience as well as on methodological issues.

Kith, Kin, Clans, and "Castes" and their Workings, including

Family and Household Networks (local, national, international, imperial)

Family Organizations (including issues of location, regional and spatial as well as groupings such as religious orders, trades unions, guilds, Free-Masons, etc.)

Religion and Family Household

The Economics of Families and Households, including

Labor and Leisure in Family and Household

Science and Technology (including creation of physical environment for family and household)

Family/Households and Consumption (including advertising, shopping, etc.)

Communications Issues (including travel and time issues)

Creation of Family and Household Culture and Reputation and their Wider Implications (including political and legal issues)

Representations of the ideology of the family or household in literature, art, and popular culture

Belonging and existence outside family (including orphans, issues of race, miscegenation, and the national family)

Power Structures and Procedures (including gender issues)

Age and class structures

Changing concepts of the ideal in relation to family and household (including issues of response to short-term circumstance and pressures)

Memory, invention and tradition in family and household discourse (including processes of exemplification and idealization of individuals and behaviors)

Gender issues: patriarchy and matriarchy, sisterhood and brotherhood and their implications for family and household

All inquiries and offers of papers to Mrs. Linda Persson, Administrative Secretary, Social History Society of the UK, Centre for Social History, Lancaster University, Lancaster LA1 4YG, UK. Tel: 01524 59605; email: L.Persson@lancaster.ac.uk. Those interested in offering papers should send a one-page summary of their proposed paper by May 16, 1997.

## 1998 ISTANBUL CONFERENCE

## TWO CENTURIES OF LONG RUN ECONOMIC CHANGE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN BASIN

Research on the economic history of Spain, Portugal and Italy has exploded recently, but the same can not yet be said of the rest of the Mediterranean Basin. It is fair to say that the region has been under-studied by both economists and quantitative economic historians. This conference hopes to provoke a change in this state of affairs. Certainly the time is ripe: if economic history is going to help inform policy within the Basin (and between it and the rest of the European OECD) as the next century unfolds, a collective debate about the sources and impact of long run growth over the past two centuries must begin now.

A two day conference is planned, where about 12 papers will be presented, and during which open floor debate will be encouraged:

Dates: June 4–7, 1998; June 4 arrival and registration; June 5–6 conference; June 7 departure

Location: Istanbul; Old Ottoman Mint buildings adjoining the Topkapi Palace

Organizing Institutions: Bogazici University and the Economic and Social History Foundation of Turkey

Organizers: Sevet Pamuk, Department of Economics, Bogazici University on leave Spring 1997 at the University of Michigan (email: [pamuk@boun.edu.tr](mailto:pamuk@boun.edu.tr)); Jeffrey G. Williamson, Department of Economics, Harvard University (fax 617-495-7730; tel 617-495-2438. email: [jwilliam@kuznets.fas.harvard.edu](mailto:jwilliam@kuznets.fas.harvard.edu))

Anyone interested in presenting a paper to this conference should submit an abstract to the Program Committee. While we expect the submission of many paper topics dealing with Italy and Iberia, the Committee encourages the submission of paper topics dealing with the rest of the Mediterranean Basin. Contact Jeffrey Williamson at the addresses above for more information.

## PUBLICATION

A massive research project over the last 15 years has collected and is in the process of publishing compiled exchange rate series from around the world for almost six hundred years from the Middle Ages to present day. Organized by Prof. Jurgen Schneider, now of the Otto-Friedrich-Universität, Bamberg, and pursued with considerable diligence and gusto by Dr. Oskar Schwarzer and other of Schneider's assistants, the project began with research done in repositories in many countries. It is about to reach a conclusion, in eleven volumes (fourteen parts) and a companion compact disk; the last three volumes and the disk will appear by the end of 1997. Titled *Wahrungen der Welt*, the work is being issued as part of the series *Beiträge zur Wirtschafts- und Sozialgeschichte* (numbers 44-50, 57, 59 and 61) published by the Steiner Verlag in Stuttgart. There are learned introductions to sources and methods of foreign exchange in each of the volumes the last of which is written in English. To give an idea as to how valuable these volumes are as a source it is easiest simply to list the contents of each volume:

- Volume 1, in 3 parts European and North American exchange rates, 1777–1914
- Volume 2, in 2 parts European and North American exchange rates, 1914–1951
- Volume 3 European exchange rates in the seventeenth century
- Volume 4 Asian and Australian exchange rates in the nineteenth century
- Volume 5 Asian and Australian exchange rates in the twentieth century

- Volume 6 Money and exchange in Europe in the eighteenth century  
Volume 7 Latin American exchange rates in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries  
Volume 8 African and Near Eastern exchange rates in the nine tenth and twentieth centuries  
Volume 9 European exchange rates before 1620  
Volume 10 Money and exchange rates at the German exchange fairs in the eighteen and early nineteenth centuries  
Volume 11 The rate of exchange at New York, London, Tokyo and Frankfurt am Main, 1952–1995

Not only is the world-wide coverage impressive but the treatment of the data has been thorough, careful, and critical. The work sets a new standard for such international projects. It deserves to be much better known and used. For more information you may contact Priv.-Doz. Dr. Oskar Schwarzer, Otto-Friedrich-Universität, Lehrstuhl für Wirtschafts- und Sozialgeschichte, Postfach 15 49, D-96045 Bamberg, Germany (fax 011-49-951-863-5319; e-mail [oskar.schwarzer@ggeo.uni-bamberg.de](mailto:oskar.schwarzer@ggeo.uni-bamberg.de)). There is a web site at: <http://www.uni-bamberg.de/~ba5sg1>.