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ECONOMIC HISTORY ASSOCIATION MEETING

The fifty-fifth annual meeting of the Economic History Association will be held in Chicago, Illinois, from Friday, September 8, to Sunday, September 10, 1995. The preliminary program follows:

Divergent Growth in Latin America

Aurora Gómez Galvarriato, Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México and Harvard University, "Defining the Obstacles to Mexico's Industrialization: The Relative International Standing of Mexico's Textile and Steel Industries during the Early 20th Century."

William Summerhill, University of California, Los Angeles, "Guaranteed Dividends, Private Profits, and Social Returns: Public Transport Policy in Brazil, 1854–1913."

Alan M. Taylor, Northwestern University, "On the Costs of Inward-Looking Development: Price Distortions, Growth, and Divergence in Latin America."

China, Spain, and Monetary Transmissions in Early Modern Growth

Dennis O. Flynn and Arturo Giráldez, University of the Pacific, "China and the Spanish Empire."

Richard van Glahn, University of California, Los Angeles, "Myth and Reality in China's Seventeenth-Century Monetary Crisis."

What is Money Worth?—Debasement, Default, and Commodity Money

Arthur J. Rolnick, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, François R. Velde, Johns Hopkins University, and Warren E. Weber, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, "The Debasement Puzzle: An Essay on Medieval Monetary Policy."

Michael D. Bordo and Hugh Rockoff, Rutgers University, "The Gold Standard as a 'Good Housekeeping Seal of Approval.'"

Trade and the Growth of North America's 'Regional Economies'

Kris Inwood, University of Guelph, and Jim Irwin, Central Michigan University, "Comparative Regional Development and Income Convergence: Canada, 1870–1890."

Sukkoo Kim, Washington University, "Regions, Resources, and Economic Geography: The Evolution of U.S. Regional Economies, 1860–1987."

J. Bradford DeLong, University of California, Berkeley, and U.S. Treasury, "Trade and America's Standard of Living: An Historical Perspective."

Living Standards in Australia and Canada Since 1870

Mary MacKinnon, McGill University, "Careers North and South: Railway Workers in Australia and Canada 1885–1940."

David Greasley and Les Oxley, University of Edinburgh and University of Western Australia, "A Tale of Two Dominions: Australia and Canada and the Convergence Hypothesis."

Work on the Land

Marcia Frost, St. John's University, Minnesota, "Changing Patterns of Cultivation: Responding to the Company's Land Revenue Demand, Kaira District (Gujarat, India), ca. 1804–1858."

Michael Foley, Reed College, "Plot Scattering, Risk Aversion, and Labor Spreading—Some Evidence from XIX-Century Northern France."

Christopher Hanes, University of Pennsylvania, "Turnover Costs and the Distribution of Slave Labor in America."

Finance Before and After the French Revolution

Gregory P. Lablanc, Duke University, "Secrecy, Firm-Specific Human Capital, and Enforceable Debt Contracts in Ancien Régime Taxation."

Thomas Sargent, Hoover Institution, and François R. Velde, Johns Hopkins University, "Macroeconomic Features of the French Revolution."

Property Rights of Married Women

B. Zorina Kahn, University of California, Los Angeles, "The Effect of Married Women's Property Laws on Female Participation in the Market Economy: Evidence from the United States Patent Records, 1790–1895."

Gillian Hamilton, University of Toronto, "Changes in Women's Bargaining Position in Mid-Nineteenth-Century Households: Evidence from Montreal Marriage Contracts."

Patented in the United States

Steven W. Usselman, Georgia Institute of Technology, "Patents and the Paths of Innovation in American Railroading, 1846–1900."

Naomi R. Lamoreaux, Brown University, and Kenneth L. Sokoloff, University of California, Los Angeles, "Long-term Trends in the Location and Organization of Inventive Activity: Evidence from Patented Technologies, 1870–1929."

Industry and Finance in Late Nineteenth-Century Germany

Caroline M. Fohlin, California Institute of Technology, "Interlocking Directorates and Bank Control in the Kaiserreich."

Janice Rye Kinghorn, Washington University, "Kartell or Cartel? Evidence from Turn-of-the-Century German Coal, Iron, and Steel Industries."

Timothy Guinnane, Yale University, "Diversification, Liquidity, and Supervision for Small Financial Institutions: The Case of Nineteenth-Century German Credit Cooperatives."

Early Companies

Ann M. Carlos and Jennifer Key, University of Colorado, Boulder, "Volume of Transactions and Implications for the Rate of Return: Hudson's Bay and Royal African Companies, 1670–1730."

Jennifer Frankl, University of California, Berkeley, "An Analysis of Corporate Structures in Prewar Japan."

Launching Asian Trade

W. G. Huff, University of Glasgow and ECHOSHA, Australian National University, "Minimalist Finance yet Economic Growth in Southeast Asia from the Late Nineteenth Century to World War II."

Ma Debin, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, "The Formation and Integration of the World's Raw Silk Market in the Nineteenth Century."

CALLS FOR PAPERS

The 1995 Quantitative Economic and Social History Conference will take place at Cambridge University, UK, from September 8 to 9, 1995. Those interested in offering papers or in attending the Conference should contact: Michael Kitson, St. Catharine's College, University of Cambridge, Cambridge CB2 1RL, United Kingdom, Tel. +44 1223 338371, Fax. +44 1223 338340.

Siena College is continuing its sponsorship of an annual, international, *Multidisciplinary Conference on the Anniversary of World War II*. The 1996 Conference, "World War II—A Dual Perspective," will be held from May 30 to 31, 1996. The two foci will

be "1946, World War II: The Aftermath" and "1936, World War II: The Preliminary Period." For the first focus, papers dealing with displaced persons, war crimes trials, literary and cinematic studies of the war, veterans affairs, the G.I. Bill, and economic reconversion, as well as papers dealing with broad issues of earlier years will be welcome. For the second focus, papers on the rise of fascism, Japan and China, Italy and Ethiopia, The League of Nations, arms and armament, military doctrine, The Spanish Civil War, pacifism, and the impact of World War I, as well as other relevant topics will be considered. In either focus, art, music, and women's and minorities studies will be of interest. Inquiries from those wishing to chair or comment are also invited. Send replies and inquiries to: Professor Thomas O. Kelly, II, Department of History, Siena College, 515 Loudon Road, Loudonville, NY 12211-1462. Phone: (518) 783-2595. Fax: (518) 783-4293. The deadline for submissions is December 1, 1995. Submissions should include a brief (1-3 page) outline or abstract of the proposal (with some indication of the sources and archive materials that have been consulted) and a recent vita or brief current biographical sketch.