

Crises and Prosperity in Comparative Economic History
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Friday, 23 May (Friends' Hall, Huntington)

1:00-2:45 New Perspectives on the Economics of Russian Serfdom

Democracy in under the Tsars? The Case of the Zemstvo

Steven Nafziger (Williams College)

Discussant: Dan Bogart (UC Irvine)

Contract Enforcement in Russian Serf Society

Tracy Dennison (Caltech)

Discussant: Naomi Lamoreaux (UCLA)

2:45-3:00 BREAK

3:00-4:45 Matching and Mobility

Marrying Up: The Role of Sex Ratio in Marriage by Class

Ran Abramitzky (Stanford University), Adeline Delavand (Universidade Nova de Lisboa and RAND) & Luís Vasconcelos (Universidade Nova de Lisboa)

Discussant: Gilles Postel-Vinay (EHESS)

*Competition in the Promised Land: Black Migration and Racial Wage
Convergence in the North, 1940-1970*

Leah Platt Boustan (UCLA)

Discussant: John Majewski (UC Santa Barbara)

5:30 RECEPTION: Garden Terrace at the Huntington

Saturday, 24 May (Friends' Hall, Huntington)

8:00-8:30 Continental Breakfast

8:30-10:15 External Resources and Economic Growth

Politics of Patent Reform and Transfer of Technology for Industrial Development and Agricultural Advancement: The Case of Argentina, 1920s

Yovanna Pineda (St. Michael's College)

Discussant: Gary Richardson (UC Irvine)

Foreign Capital and Economic Growth in the First Era of Globalization

Michael Bordo (Rutgers) and Christopher Meissner (UC Davis)

Discussant: Kris Mitchener (Santa Clara)

10:30-12:15 Steeple, Minarets, and the Market: Christianity and Islam in Economic Perspective

Interest Bans, Impersonal Exchange, and Endogenous Institutional Change in Islam and Christianity

Jared Rubin (Cal State Fullerton)

Discussant: Bin Wong (UCLA)

Luther and Suleyman

Murat Iyigun (University of Colorado)

Discussant: Latika Chaudhary (Stanford)

12:15-1:45 LUNCH: Garden Terrace at the Huntington
Steering Committee Meeting

2:00-4:30 Finance and Development on Both Sides of the Atlantic

The Old Economics of Information and the Remarkable Persistence of Traditional Credit Markets in France, 1740-1899

Philip Hoffman (Caltech), Gilles Postel-Vinay (INRA-EHESS) & Jean-Laurent Rosenthal (Caltech)

Discussant: Kirsten Wandschneider (Occidental)

Wall Street's First Corporate Governance Crisis: The Conspiracy Trials of 1826

Eric Hilt (Wellesley College)

Discussant: William Summerhill (UCLA)

The Politics of Financial Development: Evidence from New World Economies

Stephen Haber (Stanford University)

Discussant: Timothy Guinnane (Yale)

6:00 **CONFERENCE DINNER: Garden Terrace at the Huntington**

Sunday, 25 May (at Caltech, Dabney Lounge)

8:00 Continental Breakfast

8:30-10:15 Determinants of Long-term Underperformance in Africa

Guns-For-Slaves: The 18th Century British Slave Trade in Africa

Warren Whatley (Michigan)

Disussant: Roger Ransom (UC Riverside)

Population, Technology, and Economic Development in the African Past

Javier Birchenal (UCSB)

Discussant: Peter Lindert (UC Davis)

10:15-10:30 BREAK

10:30-12:15 Origins and Consequences of Regulation in the United States

The Battles against Animal Diseases: Science, Policy, and the Origins of Economic Regulation in the United States

Alan Olmstead (UC Davis) & Paul Rhode (Arizona)

Discussant: Jean-Laurent Rosenthal (Caltech)

Effects of Occupational Licensing Laws on Minorities: Evidence from the Progressive Era

Marc Law (University of Vermont) & Mindy Marks (UC Riverside)

Discussant: Petra Moser (Stanford)