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ECONOMIC HISTORY ASSOCIATION MEETING

The fiftieth annual meeting of the Economic History Association will be held in Montreal, Canada, from Thursday, September 13 to Sunday, September 16, 1990. The membership should note that the meeting is both a day longer and a week earlier than in the past. The preliminary program follows:

The Structure and Organization of Agriculture

Loren Brandt, University of Toronto, "Contract Choice in Chinese Agriculture: 1930s."

Jon Cohen, University of Toronto, and Francesco Galassi, Nipissing College, "Agriculture and Institutions: Fact and Myth in Southern Italy, 1911."

Paul Thomassin, McGill University, "Impact on the Agricultural Economy of the Abolition of Seigneurial Tenure in Lower Canada: An Institutional Analysis."

Donghyu Yang, University of Seoul, "Farm Tenancy in the Antebellum North."

Trade and Tariffs

Colleen Callahan and Patrick O'Brien, Lehigh University, "The Smoot-Hawley Tariff Revisited."

John Nye, Washington University, "The Myth of Free-Trade Britain and Fortress France."

Susan Wolcott, St. Louis University, "British Culpability and the Collapse of Indian Textile Demand."

Institutions and Agricultural Innovation

Gregory Clark, University of Michigan, "The Postan Thesis Revisited: Was There an Ecological Crisis in Medieval Europe?"

William Darity, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, "Technical Change in Agriculture, Population Growth, and Theories of Economic History."

Donald McCloskey, University of Iowa, "Risk on the Ground: New Findings on the Institution of Open Fields."

Labor Market Dynamics

David Eltis, Queen's University, and Stanley Engerman, University of Rochester, "Gender and Age in the Transatlantic Slave Trade, 1672–1864: A Comparative Perspective."

Timothy Hatton, University of Essex, and Jeffrey Williamson, Harvard University, "Unemployment, Wage Differentials, and Labor Asymmetries: Thinking in Two Sectors."

Joshua Rosenbloom, University of Kansas, "Occupational Differences in Labor Market Integration: The United States in 1900."

Charles Roberts, Western Kentucky University, "Apparent Real Wage Rate Differentials and Convergence: Agricultural Laborers, 1870–1940."

To Market, To Market, or Not?

Anne Mayhew, University of Tennessee, and E. Friberg, General Accounting Office, "Measuring the Commercialization of Agriculture."

Hilton Root, University of Pennsylvania, "Markets and the 'Deterioration' of Peasant Norms."

Barbara Sands, University of Arizona, "Market and Extra-Market Institutions Supporting Observed Village Income Distributions in the 1930s in Rural China."

Lorena Walsh, Colonial Williamsburg, "Chesapeake Planter Response to Market Incentives, 1770–1820: Capitalist Transformation or Historical Accident?"

Agriculture and the American West

Sean Hartnett, University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire, "Land Transfers in Rock County, Wisconsin: 1840–1880."

Barbara Leibhardt, University of California, Berkeley, "Land Allotments in an Incongruous Legal System: The Yakima Indians, 1887–1934."

Donald Pisani, Texas A&M University, "The Economics of Land and Water in Nineteenth Century California."

Productivity Change and Differences

Morris Altman, University of Saskatchewan, "The Relative Prosperity of English and French Farms in Lower Canada, 1850: A Cross-Sectional Analysis of Structure, Extent, and Determinants."

James Irwin, Central Michigan University, "The Economic Consequences of Emancipation Across the South."

Nancy Virts, California State University, Northridge, "The Efficiency of Southern Tenant Plantations, 1900–1945."

Thomas Weiss, University of Kansas, "Productivity Change in Nineteenth-Century American Agriculture."

Progress Report on Recent Research on the Great Depression

Timothy Bresnahan, Stanford University, and Daniel Raff, Harvard Business School, "Understanding the Industrial Dynamics of the Great Depression: Establishment Characteristics and Compositional Effects."

Robert Margo, Vanderbilt University, "The Microeconomics of Depression Unemployment."

John J. Wallis, University of Maryland, "The Political Economy of New Deal Relief Programs."

Agricultural Institutions and the Government

Lee Alston, University of Illinois, and Joseph Ferrie, University of Chicago, "Plowing Up Paternalism in U.S. Southern Agriculture."

Elizabeth Hoffman and Gary Libecap, University of Arizona, "The History and Functioning of a Government-Sponsored Cartel: Agricultural Marketing Orders for Citrus."

Shawn Kantor, California Institute of Technology, "Razorbacks, Ticky Cows, and the Closing of the Georgia Open Range: The Dynamics of Institutional Change Uncovered."

Reputation, Money, and Financial Institutions

Michael Bordo and Eugene White, Rutgers University, "A Tale of Two Currencies: British and French Finances During the Napoleonic Wars."

Michael Hauptert, University of Wisconsin, La Crosse, "The Role of Reputations in a Competitive Banking Regime."

Akira Motomura, Albion College, "Reputation and Currency Depreciation Policy in Early Seventeenth-Century Spain."

Nathan Sussman, University of California, Berkeley, "Debasements, Royal Revenues, and Inflation in France During the Second Stage of the Hundred Years War, 1415–1422."

Aspects of Agricultural Development in Land-Abundant Economies: The Case of Latin America

Samuel Armand, Stanford University, "Patterns of Rural Investment in Argentina, 1800–1850."

Stephen Haber, Stanford University, "Capital Markets and Industrial Concentration: A Comparative Study of Mexico, Brazil, and the United States, 1850–1930."

Mario Pastore, Washington University, "Foreign Trade Blockades, Public Finances, and Property Rights: The Rise of Statism in Paraguayan Agriculture, 1810–1840."

Ricardo Salvatore, University of Minnesota, "Modes of Labor Control in Open Cattle Economies: Argentina, Brazil, and Venezuela, 1780–1880."

Mechanization and Southern Agriculture

Louis Ferleger, University of Massachusetts, Boston, "Sharecropping in the Late Nineteenth-Century South."

Craig Heinicke, College of William and Mary, "Black Migration from the Rural South and Mechanization, 1940–60."

Warren Whatley, University of Michigan, "Mechanizing America's Cotton Harvest: The Impact of Institutions, Markets, and Environment."

Before and After the Famine: The Economy, The Land, and Institutions

Timothy Guinnane, Princeton University, "Land and Credit in Late Nineteenth-Century Ireland."

Kevin O'Rourke, Columbia University, "'Burn Everything British But Their Coal!' Aspects of the British-Irish Trade War."

Peter Solar, University of Leuven, "Rent, Land Values, and the Distribution of Income in Ireland, 1780–1830."

Additional sessions in celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary will also be held. The order of sessions in this preliminary program is subject to change.

The dissertation session will be chaired by David Weir, Yale University, and by Susan Carter, Smith College.

CONFERENCES

The International Economic History Association will hold its eleventh world congress in Milan, Italy, in August 1994 and invites proposals from scholars wishing to organize sessions. Proposals for sessions must be submitted by the following dates: A-sessions (Debates and Controversies) by March 1, 1991, B-sessions (Themes of Current Research) by March 1, 1991, and C-sessions (Workshops) by February 1, 1992. Send proposals with names of organizers and a description of the aims of the session to: Joseph Goy, General Secretary, International Economic History Association, Centre de Recherches Historiques, EHESS, 54 Boulevard Raspail, 75270 Paris CEDEX 06, France. Decisions on proposals will be taken by the Executive Committee of the International Association. Preference will be given in the selection of A and B sessions to persons who have not organized one of these sessions at the Leuven congress. Further details may be obtained from the Editors of this JOURNAL.

The Social Science History Association will hold its 15th annual conference in Minneapolis, MN, on October 18–21, 1990. Historians, economists, sociologists, anthropologists, demographers, political scientists, or others interested in participating in the program should contact Steve Rappaport, Department of History, New York University, 19 University Place, New York, NY 10003 or Laurel Cornell, Department of Sociology, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN 47405.

The Oral History Association will hold its 1990 annual meeting in Cambridge, MA, on November 8–11, 1990. For program information, contact Richard C. Smith, OHA Executive Secretary, 1093 Broxton Avenue, No. 720, Los Angeles, CA 90024.

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Oral History Association is calling for proposals for papers, panels, and speakers for its 1991 annual meeting, which will be held at Snowbird, near Salt Lake City, UT, on October 10–13, 1991. This meeting will focus particularly on women, ethnic topics, and the region of the American West. Submissions should be sent by December 1, 1990, to either of the Program Co-Chairs: Jay M. Haymond, Utah State Historical Society, 300 Rio Grande, Salt Lake City, UT 84101; or Rebecca Sharpless, c/o Institute for Oral History, Baylor University, Waco, TX 76798-7271.

GRANTS-IN-AID

The Museum of American Textile History is offering grants-in-aid for 1991 to doctoral students who are writing dissertations and to young historians who are preparing their first books. Topics of special interest include but are not limited to the following: the history of clothmaking techniques in the United States; the role of the corporation in community development; the impact of the industry on the regional economy; architecture; engineering; and labor systems. Biographies and institutional histories are also of interest. Application should be made by August 31 for projects to begin not earlier than the following January 1. To apply, write the Director, Museum of American Textile History, 800 Massachusetts Avenue, North Andover, MA 01845; telephone (508) 686-0191.

FELLOWSHIPS

The Harvard University Center for Italian Renaissance Studies at Villa I Tatti will award fellowships for independent study on any aspect of the Italian Renaissance for the academic year to run from July 1, 1991 to June 30, 1992. The fellowships are for scholars of any nationality, normally postdoctoral and in the earlier stages of their careers. Applications are due October 15, 1990; forms can be obtained from Professor Walter Kaiser, Villa I Tatti, Via de Vincigliata 26, 50135 Florence, Italy, or from Professor Dante Della Terza, Department of Romance Languages and Literatures, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA 02138, USA.