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ECONOMIC HISTORY ASSOCIATION MEETING

The fifty-seventh annual meeting of the Economic History Association will be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in New Brunswick, NJ, from 12 to 14 September 1997. The preliminary program follows:

Water, Minerals, and Labor: Managing Resources in the Western Economy

Mark Kanazawa (Economics) Carleton College, "Efficiency in Western Water Law: The Development of the California Doctrine, 1850–1911."

David Gerard (Economics) University of Illinois, "Transactions Costs and the Value of Mining Claims, 1872–1920."

Robert A. Margo (Economics) Vanderbilt University, "Wages in California During the Gold Rush."

The Ground Up: Economic Issues in Peasant Agriculture

Valerie Hall (Paleoecology, Irish Studies) University of Belfast, Scott Laidlaw (Agricultural Botany) University of Belfast, and Peter Solar (Irish Studies) University of Belfast and (Economics) Vrije Universiteit Brussel, "The Shamrock and the Potato: The Agricultural System of Pre-Famine Ireland."

Marcia J. Frost (Economics) College of St. Benedict and St. John's University, "Cultivation and Cropping Patterns and Trends: Kaira District, ca. 1820–58."

Yeh-chein Wang (Economics) Academia Sinica, Taipei, "Deflation and the Mass Peasant Uprising in Mid-19th Century China."

Contracts and Contacts: Transacting in Early Modern Europe

Maristella Botticini (Economics) Northwestern University, "Does More Competition Lower Prices? Evidence from Tuscan Credit Markets, ca. 1427."

John F. Padgett (Political Science) University of Chicago, and Paul McLean (Social Sciences) University of Chicago, "The Social Foundations of Renaissance Market Structure."

Dean Williamson (Humanities/Social Sciences) California Institute of Technology, "A Mechanism of Venice: The Design of Maritime Agency Relations in Venice, 1190–1220."

Neil De Marchi (Economics) Duke University, Hans Van Miegroet (Art and Art History) Duke University, and Matt Raiff (Economics) Duke University, "Recovering Pricing Mechanisms: Dealer-dealer Trade in Paintings, Antwerp to a Paris, in the 17th Century."

Conversing at the Borderlands of Law and Economic History

R. Richard Geddes (Economics) Fordham University, and Dean Lueck (Agricultural and Resource Economics) North Carolina State University, "Self-Ownership and the Rights of Women."

Jenny Bourne Wahl (Economics) St. Olaf College, "Antebellum Employment Law: Slaves, Animals, and Free Persons."

B. Zorina Kahn (Economics) Bowdoin College, "Civil Litigation and Economic Change: Evidence from New South Wales District Courts: 1860–1990."

Masao Suzuki (Economics) Mills College, "The Impact of Alien Land Laws and the Economic Status of Japanese Immigrants Before World War II."

The Backbone of History: Health and Nutrition in the Western Hemisphere

Richard H. Steckel (Economics and Anthropology) Ohio State University, Paul W. Sciuilli (Anthropology) Ohio State University, and Jerome C. Rose (Anthropology) University of Arkansas, "Measuring the Standard of Living using Skeletal Remains."

Clark Spencer Larson (Anthropology) University of North Carolina, and Alfred W. Crosby (American Studies) University of Texas, et al., "A Biohistory of Health and Behavior in the Georgia Bight: Interfacing Economics and Human Biology"

Roseanne Higgins (Anthropology) State University of New York at Buffalo, Michael Haines (Economics) Colgate University, Lorena Walsh (History) Colonial Williamsburg, and Joyce Sirianni (Anthropology) State University of New York at Buffalo, "The Poor in the Mid-Nineteenth Century Northeast: Evidence and Implications from Skeletal Remains from the Monroe County, New York Almshouse."

Visible Hands? Finance and Organization

Marco Da Rin (Economics) Università Bocconi, Milano, and Thomas Hellmann (Business) Stanford University, "Banks as Catalysts for Industrialization."

Jeffrey R. Fear (History) University of Pennsylvania, "Law, Competition, and Organizational Innovation in German Steel, 1871–1936."

Edwin J. Perkins (History) University of Southern California, "Wall Street to Main Street: Charles Merrill and Middle Class Investors."

Well-off, Well Fed, and Tall? What Do We Really Know About the Standard of Living in the Past?

Howard Bodenhorn (Economics) Lafayette College, "An Anthropometric History of Free Blacks in Antebellum America."

Joerg Baten (Economics) University of Munich, "Climate, Grain Production and Nutritional Status in Southern Germany During the 18th Century."

Mary Eschelbach Gregson (Economics) Knox College, and Farley Grubb (Economics) University of Delaware, "Anthropometric versus Conventional Economic Measures of the Standard of Living."

The Wealth of Nations and the Extent of the Market

George Grantham (Economics) McGill University, "The Economic History of the Super-Long Run: A Possible Dialogue Between Archaeology and Economic History."

Kenneth Pomerantz (History) University of California, Irvine, "Re-thinking 18th Century China: a High Standard of Living and Its Implications."

Michael Huberman (Economics) Université de Montréal, Wayne Lewchuk (Economics and Labor Studies) McMaster University, "Open Market Forces and National Labor Market Outcomes: Convergence in 19th Century Europe."

Between the Wars: Gold, Expectations, and the Distribution of Suffering

Pierre-Cyrille Hautcoeur (Economics) Rutgers University, Pierre Sicsic (Economics) Banque de France, "Threat of a Capital Levy, Expected Devaluation and Interest Rates in Interwar France."

William A. Sundstrom (Economics) Santa Clara University, and Joshua L. Rosenbloom (Economics) University of Kansas and NBER, "The Sources of Regional Variation in the Severity of the Great Depression."

J. Peter Ferderer (Economics) Macalester College, and David A. Zalewski (Finance) Providence College, "The Gold Standard, Uncertainty, and Delayed Recovery in Interwar France."

Mind over Matter: The Rhetoric of Markets

Samantha Heller (English and Comparative Literature) Columbia University, "Greed is Good: Individual Acquisition in Seventeenth-Century England."

Mary Chalmers (History) University of Central Arkansas, "Moral Persuasion: Arguments for Political Economy in the July Monarchy."

James Livesay (Modern History) Trinity College Dublin, "The Meaning of the Market: Agricultural Reform and Political Values in the French Revolution."

Cleaning Up: Exploring the Domestic Economy

Joel Mokyr (Economics and History) Northwestern University, "Housework, Health, and Knowledge: Why Was There More Work for Mother?"

David Mitch (Economics) University of Maryland Baltimore County, "The Acquisition of Domestic Skills in Britain, Ireland, and North America in the Late Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Centuries: The Role of Adaptive versus Cultural Learning."

Paula Humfrey (History) University of Toronto, "The Emergence of Domestic Labour for London Women."

Culture, Networks, and Organization in Technological Change

Alan Dye (Economics) Barnard College, "The Colono Contract and the Latifundium: Organizational Learning in Cuban Sugar: 1890–1929."

David R. Meyer (Sociology) Brown University, "Steam Engines from the Elites: American Technological Change: 1790–1820."

Susan Wolcott (Economics) Temple University, "Did Imperial Policies Doom the Indian Textile Industry?"

TWELFTH INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC HISTORY CONGRESS

The Twelfth International Economic History Congress, organized by the International Economic History Association and a Spanish Organizing Committee, will be held at Seville, Spain, August 24–28, 1998. It will feature 90 sessions, with participants from many countries of the world. For a program and registration information, contact Twelfth International Economic History Congress, Proconsur, Secretaría, Técnica, Avda. San Francisco Javier 14, 4ª, 41018 Seville, Spain, fax +34 5 4923015. You may also send an email to proconsur@svq.servicom.es. Programs are also available, with complete and updated information, at <http://www.cica.es/ieha/> or <http://cs.muohio.edu/IEHA>.

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