



## **VI Annual Meeting of the African Economic History Network**

### ***New Approaches to African Economic History: History, Methods and Interdisciplinarity***

21-22 October 2016

University of Sussex, Brighton  
Falmer Campus  
*Conference Centre 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Bramber House*

### **Friday 21 October**

**8.30-9.00 Registration and Coffee**

**9.00-9.30 Opening and Welcome (Terrace Room)**

**9.30 – 11.00 Session 1: Parallel sessions**

#### **Session 1A: Historical Demography (Terrace Room)**

Jeanne Cilliers (Lund) and Martine Mariotti (Australian National)  
*The Fertile Frontier: Differential Fertility in a Settler Colony*

Shane Doyle (Leeds)  
*Hospital Maternity Registers and African Historical Demography*

Felix Meier zu Selhausen (Sussex & SDU) and Jacob Weisdorf (SDU)  
*Gender and Class Formation in urban British Africa: Evidence from Anglican Marriage Registers 1880-1960*

## **Session 1B: Governing Resources in Sudanese History (Meeting Room 1)**

Matthew Benson (Durham)

*'All should understand that they have a legal allegiance to the Government': tribute, the revenue imperative and citizen-state ties in colonial Sudan and South Sudan*

Cherry Leonardi (Durham)

*'Our grandparents were ignorant of the land values': debating histories of land tenure and governance in South Sudan*

Harry Cross (Durham)

*Urbanisation and Planning in Khartoum, 1945-1955*

## **Session 1C: Institutions and Development in West Africa (Gallery 2)**

Jutta Bolt (Groningen) and Leigh Gardner (LSE)

*Change or persistence? African institutions, economic change and colonial rule in the Gold Coast*

Klas Rönnbäck (Gothenburg) and Stefania Galli (Gothenburg)

*Colonial Institutions and Pre-Industrial Inequality: rural Sierra Leone in 1831, the most equal society of its time*

Leigh Gardner (LSE)

*'The Love of Liberty Brought us Here': Migration of African-Americans from the United States to Liberia, 1820-1904*

--- 11.00-11.30 Coffee ---

## **11.30 – 13.00 Session 2: Parallel sessions**

### **Session 2A: The African Tax State in Comparative Perspective (Terrace Room)**

Morten Jerven (Norwegian University of Life Sciences), Thilo Albers (LSE) and Marvin Suesse (New York University)

*The African Tax State in the Long Run*

Yannick Dupraz (Warwick), Denis Cogneau (PSE) and Sandrine Mesplé-Somps (IRD & Paris-Dauphine)

*African states and development in historical perspective: Colonial public finances in British and French West Africa*

Kleoniki Alexopoulou (Wageningen) and Ewout Frankema (Wageningen)

*Securing the Colonial State: Effective occupation and military spending in Portuguese and British Africa, 1850s-1940s*

## **Session 2B: New Approaches in African Agricultural and Rural History I: Political Economy Perspectives (Gallery 2)**

Jan Greyling (Stellenbosch) and Frikkie Liebenberg (Stellenbosch)  
*Revisiting Apartheid Agricultural Employment: Maize as the one for all?*

Ellen Hillbom (Lund) and Sam Jenkins (Lund)  
*Maize for the Mines: The shaping of Zambia's agricultural sector c. 1915-2015*

Emelie Rohne Till (Lund)  
*The Relevance of Agricultural Demand Led Industrialization (ADLI) in Sub-Saharan Africa Revisited – Lessons from Ethiopia's ADLI Strategy 1993 – 2015*

--- 13.00-14:00 Lunch ---

## **14.00 – 16.00 Session 3: Parallel sessions**

### **Session 3A: Relating long-term trends in Incomes and Inequality to Occupational and Structural Change I (Terrace Room)**

Ellen Hillbom (Lund) and Jutta Bolt (Groningen)  
*Declining income inequality in the midst of Botswana's diamond-led growth*

Guido Alfani (Bocconi) and Federico Tadei (Bocconi)  
*Income Inequality in Colonial Africa: Building Social Tables for Pre-Independence Central African Republic, Ivory Coast, and Senegal*

Prince Young Aboagye (Lund) and Jutta Bolt (Groningen)  
*Doing well while doing good? Long-term trends in income inequality in Ghana 1895-2015*

Denis Cogneau (PSE), Alvaredo Facundo (PSE) and Thomas Piketty (PSE)  
*Income Inequality under Colonial Rule - Evidence from French Algeria, Cameroon, Indochina and Tunisia, 1920-1960*

### **Session 3B: New Approaches in African Agricultural and Rural History II: Land, Labour and Capital (Meeting Room 1)**

Kostadis Papaioannou (Wageningen) and Ewout Frankema (Wageningen)  
*Rainfall patterns and human settlement in tropical Africa and Asia compared. Did Africans face greater insecurity*

Michiel de Haas (Wageningen)  
*Smallholder cash crop adoption in colonial Africa: Uganda's 'cotton revolution' in a comparative perspective*

Erik Green (Lund) and Mark Nyandoro (University of Zimbabwe)  
*Labour and capital in a land abundant peasant economy - explaining the relative success of native purchase area farmers in Southern Rhodesia, 1930-1979*

Calumet Links (Stellenbosch)  
*Household welfare and agriculture on the 18<sup>th</sup> century Cape Eastern frontier*

### **Session 3C: Business and Government in Ghana and Nigeria: Historical Perspectives (Gallery 2)**

Gareth Austin (Cambridge)

*The state and Business in Ghana: pre-colonial, colonial, post-colonial 1807-2000*

Stephanie Decker (Aston Business School)

*The impact of colonial development debates on the human resources policies of imperial business in Ghana and Nigeria, 1940-1960*

Ayowa Afrifa-Taylor

*Ashanti Goldfields Corporation and the Colonial and Post-Colonial State*

Chibuiké Uche (Leiden)

*FrieslandCampina and dairy development in Nigeria*

--- 16.00-16.30 Coffee ---

### **16.30 – 17.30 Session 4: Parallel sessions**

#### **Session 4A: Biological Standard of Living (Terrace Room)**

Gareth Austin (Cambridge), Jörg Baten (Tübingen) and Alexander Moradi (Sussex)

*Heights and Development in a Cash-Crop Colony: Living Standards in Ghana, 1880-1980*

Bokang Mpetla, (Stellenbosch), Johan Fourie (Stellenbosch) and Kris Inwood (Guelph's)

*Black living standards in South Africa before democracy: new evidence from heights*

#### **Session 4B: Natural Resources and Development (Meeting Room 1)**

Nemera Gebeyehu Mamo (Sussex)

*Political Economy of Natural Resources: How is political power distributed in Africa?*

Dácil Juif (Wageningen)

*Resource curse or blessing? The impact of mining activities on schooling in Zambia*

#### **Session 4C: Currencies and Financial Markets (Gallery 2)**

Marisa Candotti (SOAS)

*Credit, multiple markets and the complementarity between monies in the economic growth of the Sokoto Caliphate: rethinking West African monetary history*

Klas Rönnbäck (Gothenburg) and Oskar Broberg (Gothenburg)

*Imperial profits – The globalization of financial markets and the return on British investments in Africa, 1870-1970*

**17.45 – 18.45 Keynote speech (Terrace Room)**

Paul Lovejoy (University of York, CA)

*The Economics of the 'Second Slavery' in the Jihad States of West Africa*

**--- 18.45-19.30 Reception ---**

**20.00 Dinner at Proud Country House, Stanmer Park (20 min walk together)**

## Saturday 22 October

### 9.00 – 11.00 Session 5: Parallel sessions

#### Session 5A: West African Trade (Terrace Room)

Angus Dalrymple-Smith (Wageningen) and Pieter Woltjer (Wageningen)  
*Commodities, Prices and Risk: The changing markets for non-slave products in pre-abolition West Africa*

Toyomu Masaki (Kanazawa University)  
*Guinée cloth exported to Western Africa via France 1815-1929: Focusing on the changes in transit points and destinations at the turn of the century*

Yakubu Mukhtar (Yobe State)  
*Cross Border Trade in Nigeria's North East Frontier with Cameroon, Chad and Niger*

Emmanuelle Lavallée (Paris-Dauphine) and Julie Lochard (Paris-Est Créteil)  
*French Neo-Colonialism? French-African Trade after Independence*

#### Session 5B: Fiscal Capacity and Development in the French Colonial Empire (Gallery 2)

Sandrine Mesplé-Somps (IRD & Paris-Dauphine), Denis Cogneau (PSE) and Yannick Dupraz (Warwick)  
*Public Finance and Investment in the French Colonial Empire 1870-1960*

Elise Huillery (Sciences-Po Paris), Denis Cogneau (PSE) and Sandrine Mesplé-Somps (IRD & Paris-Dauphine)  
*Who Bore the Cost of French Colonies? Public Transfers within the French Empire 1830-1960*

Jens Andersson (Lund)  
*Keeping the gates: The colonial customs administration in French West Africa*

Samuel Sanchez (IRD & Paris Dauphine)  
*An Independent State facing Imperial Influences. Fiscal Policies of the Kingdom of Madagascar (19th c.)*

Laura Maravall Buckwalter (Carlos III de Madrid)  
*The crowding-out of rural settlement: a case study in pre-independence Algeria in the beginning of the 1900s'*

--- 11.00-11.30 Coffee ---

## **11.30 – 13.00 Session 6: Parallel sessions**

### **Session 6A: Slave Trades (Terrace Room)**

John Dalton (Wake Forest) and Tin Cheuk Leung (Chinese University of Hong Kong)

*Being Bad by Being Good: Owner and Captain Value-Added in the Slave Trade*

Robin Law (Stirling & Liverpool)

*The 'Golden Age' in the History of the Gold Coast: the seventeenth century*

Klas Rönnbäck (Gothenburg) and Dimitrios Theodoridis (Gothenburg)

*Slave trade and agricultural productivity: early nineteenth century agriculture in Senegal in a comparative perspective*

### **Session 6B: Infrastructure and Transport (Meeting Room 1)**

Daniel Castillo-Hidalgo (Las Palmas de Gran Canaria)

*The Crisis of Suez and structural changes on the West African maritime façade (1956-1972)*

Mattia Bertazzini (LSE)

*The long-term impact of Italian colonial roads in the Horn of Africa. 1935-2000*

Hanaan Marwah (LSE)

*Financing of Sub Saharan African Infrastructure in Long Term Historical Perspective*

### **Session 6C: Relating long-term trends in Incomes and Inequality to Occupational and Structural Change II (Gallery 2)**

Michiel de Haas (Wageningen), Ewout Frankema (Wageningen) and Dácil Juif (Wageningen)

*Occupational structures in the Belgian Congo and Ruanda-Urundi*

Karin Pallaver (Bologna)

*Occupational Structure, Labour Relations and the Payment of Wages in Kenya (1880-2009)*

Rebecca Simson (LSE)

*The Rise and Fall of Africa's Bureaucratic Bourgeoisie: Public Employment and the Middle Class in Kenya and Tanzania since Independence*

**--- 13.00-14:00 Lunch ---**

## **14.00 – 15.30 Session 7: Parallel sessions**

### **Session 7A: Christian Missionaries and Tropical Diseases (Terrace Room)**

Gabriele Cappelli (Barcelona) and Jörg Baten (Tübingen)

*The Evolution of Human Capital in Africa, 1730 – 1970: A Colonial Legacy?*

Matteo Alpino and Eivind Hammersmark Olson (Oslo)

*On a Mission from God: The Historical Roots of Development Aid Allocation*

Felix Meier zu Selhausen (Sussex & SDU), Alexander Moradi (Sussex) and Remi Jedwab (GWU)

*Strategies of Christian Growth: Evidence from Mission Locations in Ghana, 1751-1932*

Matthias Flückinger (Basel) and Markus Ludwig (Basel)

*Malaria Suitability and (Post-)Colonial Urbanization in Sub-Saharan Africa*

### **Session 7B: Developmental States and their Discontents (Gallery 2)**

Jens Andersson (Lund ) and Martin Andersson (Lund)

*Transformative development? The evolution of social capability in Côte d'Ivoire and Senegal during the development era 1930-1980*

Gerardo Serra (Sussex)

*The Struggle for the Economic Soul of the Nkrumaist State: Socialist Political Economy and the Regime in Ghana, 1961-1966*

Olutayo Adesina (Ibadan)

*Their Songs, Our Data: Yoruba Popular Music and Socio-Economic Commentaries, 1960- 2000*

**--- 15.30-16.00 Coffee ---**

### **16.00 – 17.30 Closing session: Roundtable (Terrace Room)**

*The present and the future of African economic history: opportunities, constraints and methodological perspectives*

**Moderation:** Gerardo Serra (Sussex)

**Panel speakers:** Olutayo Adesina (Ibadan), Gareth Austin (Cambridge), Denis Cogneau (Paris School of Economics), Stephanie Decker (Aston Business School), Paul Lovejoy (York), Yakubu Mukhtar (Yobe State)

**Max. 20 min presentation time – 10 min discussion**

**Chair: Last presenter, unless panels**

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