This workshop is based on papers read in advance. They will be accessible on the web by 7 days ahead of the meeting. If you are coming but have not yet told Gareth Austin, please email him (g.m.austin@lse.ac.uk) so that he can send you the link. Presentations will be limited to 12 minutes to allow enough time for discussion. The room has Powerpoint facilities. All are welcome to participate. We aim to start promptly at 2.00. If you arrive early for the workshop, and find the Café Pepe in Clement House closed, there are a couple of cafés at street and/or basement level, round the corner in Houghton Street. Paper-givers are invited for a meal afterwards.

2.00-3.40: Pre-Colonial and Colonization

Jelmer Vos [Centro de História de Além-Mar, Lisbon], ‘Dutch slave trading on the Windward Coast, 1740-1805’

Gareth Austin (LSE), ‘Reflections on the Changes in Commodity Currencies in Precolonial West Africa, 1400-1890’

Marisa Candotti (Italy), ‘The ‘Società Africana d’Italia’ (African Society of Italy, 1880-1940) and West Africa: projects and tales related to colonization from southern Italian businessmen’

4.00-5.40: Colonial and the Colonial Legacy


Alexander Moradi (Oxford), ‘Colonial Legacy or Colonial Development? Anthropometric Evidence and Implications for Past and Present Africa.”

Ayowa Afrifa-Taylor (LSE), “The legal basis of the Ashanti Goldfields Mining Concession of 1897’

6.00-7.00: Post-Colonial

Erik Green (Stockholm), ‘State-led agricultural intensification and decline of capitalist relations of labour: The case of Lilongwe Land Development Program in Malawi, 1968-1981’