

AFRICAN ECONOMIC HISTORY WORKSHOP GENEVA 2-3 May 2011

Programme Villa Barton, Salle 1

The workshop is based on papers read in advance. Presentations will be limited to 12 minutes to allow time for discussion. Graduate students and others are welcome to participate. Intending participants are asked to contact Gareth Austin for the link to the papers when they are assembled, within the International History and Politics Department's web pages (gareth.austin@graduateinstitute.ch).

MONDAY: FIRST SESSION 14h00 – 15h55

14h00 Welcome

14h05-15h00 Why was it Profitable to Sell Slaves out of Africa?

Wasiq Khan, 'What drove the transatlantic slave trade: American labor demand, African labor supply, or market failure?'

Gareth Austin, 'The political economy of the export of slaves from West Africa'.

15h00-15h55 Multiple Currencies in Precolonial Africa (& Beyond)

A.N. Kuroda, 'Multiple monies in Asia and Africa'.

Catherine Eagleton, 'Rupees, thalers and dollars: multiple currencies in Zanzibar, 1860 to 1900'.

REFRESHMENTS BREAK

SECOND SESSION 16h10-18h00

16h10-17h05 Agricultural and Agrarian Issues in the Twentieth Century

James Fenske, 'Rubber will not keep in this country': Failed development in Benin, 1897-1921'.

Berhanu Tesfaye, 'Did private ownership of land exist in southern Ethiopia before the revolution? 1941-1974'.

17h05-18h00 (Partly) Beyond the Agricultural Economy

Cassandra Mark, 'African intermediaries and industrial labour mobilization in Ghana, 1900-1920'.

Alexander Moradi (with Remi Jedwab, PhD student at Paris School of Economics), 'The birth of a nation: transportation networks, trade and development in Ghana'.

SHORT BREAK

THIRD (SHORT) SESSION 18h05-19h00

Education and Colonial Frontiers

Ewout Frankema, 'The origins of formal education in sub-Saharan Africa: was British rule more benign?'

Denis Cogneau (with Alexander Moradi), 'Borders that divide: education, religion and nutritional status in Ghana and her neighbours since colonial times'

TUESDAY: FOURTH SESSION 09h00-10h50

9h00-9h55 Islamic Institutions and Economic Action

Marisa Candotti, 'Muslim traders from the Sahara and Central Sudan: their institutional foundation and contribution to the textile trade in the 19th century'

Fenneke Reysoo (with Issa Cissé, professor of History, University of Ouagadougou), 'Islamic economic actors in Burkina Faso: intriguing pathways'

9h55-10h50 Boards and Bonds

Leigh Gardner, 'A forgotten institution? Currency boards and imperial rule in British colonial Africa'

Riad Rezzik, 'Untying colonial bonds: Rhodesian default and UK investors protection in the 1960s.'

REFRESHMENTS BREAK

FIFTH SESSION 11h10-13h00

11h10-12h05 Agricultural Productivity and the Political Economy of Agricultural Statistics

Morten Jerven, 'The political economy of fertilizer subsidies and crop data: evidence from India, Nigeria and Malawi'

Liam Brunt, 'The productivity of arable agriculture in Africa: a long-run historical and international perspective'

12:05-13:00 Major Themes and Variations in 20th Century Development

Claude Lutzelschwab, 'Differences among settler economies in colonial Africa: what can a factor endowments vs. metropolitan identity approach tell us?'

Leandro Prados de la Escosura, 'Human development in Africa: a long-run perspective'

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