

‘NEW FRONTIERS IN AFRICAN ECONOMIC HISTORY’ WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

Venue: all academic sessions will be held in the Villa Barton, Salle 1.

MONDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

Arrival of guests at the Hotel Mon Repos

20:00 Welcome Dinner at Café du Soleil

(taxi from Hotel Mon Repos at 19:45)

TUESDAY 11 SEPTEMBER

9:00-9:10 Welcome and Introductions

9:10-11:10 The Atlantic (and Other External) Slave Trades (chair: Morten Jerven)

Jelmer Vos, ‘The growth of the Atlantic slave trade on the Windward Coast of Africa’

Warren Whatley, ‘The gun-slave cycle and the 18th century British slave trade in Africa’

Björn Wallace (co-authored with Margherita Bottero), ‘Is there a long-term effect of Africa’s slave trades?’

11:10-11:40 Refreshments

11:40-13:00 Economic History of the Cape (chair: Joseph Inikori)

Johan Fourie (co-authored with Dieter von Fintel), ‘Settler skills and colonial development: the Huguenot wine-makers in eighteenth-century Dutch South Africa’

Erik Green, ‘The economics of slavery in the 18th-century Cape: revising the Nieboer-Domar hypothesis’

13:00-14:20 Lunch

14:20-16:20 Nineteenth and Early Twentieth-Century Trade (chair: Erik Green)

Karin Pallaver, ‘What East Africans got for their ivory and slaves: the nature, working and circulation of commodity currencies in 19th-century East Africa’

Marisa Candotti, ‘Caravans of cloth: changing patterns of trade across the Sahara and the textile-led market economies of pre-colonial central Sudan’

Leigh Gardner, ‘The rise and fall of sterling in Liberia, 1870-1943’

16:20-16:50 Refreshments

16:50-18:50 Agriculture in Tropical Africa c1850-c1950 (chair: Chibuike Uche)

Ayodeji Olukoju, ‘The dynamics of indigenous large-scale farming in western Nigeria, ca. 1850s-1950s’

Gareth Austin, 'Vent for surplus or productivity breakthrough? The Ghanaian cocoa take-off, c.1890-1936'

Nicolas Makana, 'Challenging the orthodoxy of a settler-propelled colonial economy in Kenya, 1901-1929'

20:00 Conference Dinner at Restaurant Perle du Lac (walk over from the hotel)

WEDNESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER

9:00-11:00 Modern Ghana (chair: Ayodeji Olukoju)

Cassandra Mark, "'Industrial labour and the government Transport Department in colonial Ghana, c.1901-1910'

Alexander Moradi (co-authored with Gareth Austin and Jörg Baten), "'The evolution of living standards in Ghana, 1880-2000: an anthropometric approach''

Morten Jerven, 'Government, trade, population and economic growth in the Gold Coast and Ghana, c. 1890 - 2010'

11:00-11:30 Refreshments

11:30-12:50 Missing links (chair: Leigh Gardner)

Chibuike Uche, 'Lonrho in Africa: the unacceptable face of capitalism or ugly face of neocolonialism?'

Ewout Frankema and Morten Jerven, 'The missing link: reconstructing African population growth, 1850-present'

12:50-14:10 Lunch

14:10-15:30 Economic Growth in Post-Colonial Africa (chair: Warren Whatley)

Ellen Hillbom, 'The reversal of Botswana's fortune: disentangling interacting institutions and factor endowments, c.1840-2012'

Hanaan Marwah, 'What explains slow Sub-Saharan African growth? Revisiting oil boom-era investment and productivity in Nigerian national accounts 1976-85'

15:30-16:00 Refreshments

16:00-17:00 Closing Session (chair: Gareth Austin)

Joseph Inikori, 'Ethnicity and economic development in Sub-Saharan Africa: A case study of Nigeria'

Discussion: Reflections and Future plans