‘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
(taxis 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’
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’

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