New Frontiers in African Economic History:
African Economic Development over the Long Run

25-26 October, 2014

New Academic Building
London School of Economics and Political Science

Workshop Programme

Saturday, 25 October

9.00-9.20  Registration and Coffee (Mezzanine)

9.20-9.40  Opening and welcome

9.40-11.40 Session 1: Trade and Economic Development (Thai Theatre)

Chair: Gareth Austin

Giovanni Federico (Pisa), Antonio Tena-Junguito (Carlos III)
*Tropical Polities Competing on the World Economy: Asia, Africa and Latin America
*Export Performance

Ewout Frankema and Pieter Woltjer (Wageningen)
*Terms of Trade and Economic Growth in Sub-Saharan Africa, 1870-1939

Cornelius Christian and James Fenske (Oxford)
*Economic Shocks and Unrest in French West Africa

11.40-12.00 African Economic History Network Textbook Project (Ellen Hillbom)

12.00-13.00 Lunch (Mezzanine)

13.00-15.00 Session 2: Parallel sessions
* Last speaker in each session to act as chair

Session 2A: Measuring Changes in Living Standards (NAB 1.17)

Alexander Moradi (Sussex), Denis Cogneau and Lea Rouanet (Paris School of Economics)
*The Biological Standard of Living in French West Africa 1880-1980: An Analysis of Tecruts to the Tirailleurs Senegalais

Michiel de Haas (Wageningen)
*Measuring Rural Welfare in Colonial Uganda: Why Farmers would not Work for Wages
Edward Kerby (LSE)
African Manufacturing Wages: New Data, Sources and Estimates from Black Homelands during the Late Apartheid Period

Session 2B: Infrastructure and Economic Development (NAB 1.18)

William G. Clarence-Smith (SOAS)
Equids (Horses, Donkeys, and Mules) in the Economic Development of Sub-Saharan Africa

Johan Fourie (Stellenbosch) and Alfonso Herranz-Loncan (Barcelona)
The Efficiency of the Cape Colony Railways and the Origins of Apartheid

Session 2C: Pre-Colonial Institutions and Economic Development (NAB 1.19)

Elliot Green (LSE) and Sanhamitra Banyopadhyay (Queen Mary)
Pre-Colonial Political Centralization and Contemporary Development in Uganda

Jutta Bolt (Groningen) and Leigh Gardner (LSE and Stellenbosch)
De-Compressing History? Pre-Colonial Institutions and Local Government Finance in British Colonial Africa

Angus Dalrymple-Smith (Wageningen) and Kostadis J. Papaioannou (Wageningen and Utrecht)
An Expansion of History: Pre-Colonial Order, Public Goods Provision, and the Realities of Historical Change across the 20th Century in Nigeria

15.00-15.30 Coffee (Mezzanine)

15.30-17.00 Session 3: Measuring and Explaining Patterns of Economic Growth (Thai Theatre)

Chair: Johan Fourie

Stephen Broadberry (LSE and CAGE) and Leigh Gardner (LSE and Stellenbosch)
Economic Development in Africa and Europe: Reciprocal Comparisons

Ewout Frankema (Wageningen) and Marlous van Waijenburg (Northwestern)
Here has all the Education Gone: The ‘Free Fall’ of Skill-Premiums in Sub-Saharan Africa and Southern Asia in the Long 20th Century

17.15-19.00 Reception to launch the Economic History Review’s special issue on ‘The Renaissance of African Economic History’ (Senior Common Room, 5th Floor, Old Building)
Sunday, 26 October

9.00-10.20 Session 4 – Parallel sessions
* Last speaker in each session to act as chair

Session 4A: Agricultural Change, 19th and 20th centuries (NAB 1.17)

Federico Tadei (California Institute of Technology)
* Extractive Institutions and Gains from Trade: Evidence from Colonial Africa

Peter Bent (University of Massachusetts-Amherst)
* Agrarian Change and Industrialization in Egypt, 1800-1950

Session 4B: Textiles and global trade (NAB 1.18)

Katherine Frederick (Wageningen)
* Unravelling the African Textile Mystery: The Missing Empirical Foundation

Kazuo Kobayashi (LSE)
* West African Consumers, Guinee Cloths, and the Global Economy in the Early Nineteenth Century: The Case of the Lower Senegal River Region

Session 4C: Smuggling and Informal Economies (NAB 1.19)

Bas de Roo (Ghent)
* The Blurred Lines of Legality in Colonial Borderlands: Customs and Smuggling in the Congolese M'Bomu Region (1889-1908)

Kate Meagher (LSE)
* Deciphering Informalized Development: Historical Perspectives on Informal Economies and Development in Africa

10.20-10.40 Coffee (Mezzanine)

10.40-12.40: Session 5 – Parallel sessions
* Last speaker in each session to act as chair

Session 5A: Case Studies in Post-Colonial Development (NAB 1.17)

Hanaan Marwah
* Explaining Poor Long Term Growth in Nigeria, 1960-2000: The Hidden Cost of the 'Cement Armada'

Gerardo Serra (LSE)
* The Statistical Bureau, the Field and the Nation: How the 1960 Population Census 'Made' Postcolonial Ghana

Vincent Duchaussoy (Normandy)
The Franc Zone: An International Monetary Area from Independence to Post-Colonialism

Session 5B: Migration and Labour Markets (NAB 1.18)

Ewout Frankema (Wageningen), Erik Green (Lund) and Ellen Hillbom (Lund)
Path Dependency in the Historical Flow of Labour Migration

Sarah Kunkel (Humboldt)
The Development of a Labour Market in the Gold Coast/Ghana

Session 5C: Social Institutions and Colonial Rule (NAB 1.19)

Morgan Henderson and Warren Whatley (Michigan)
Things Fall Apart: White Chiefs in Colonial Africa

Dácíl Juif (Wageningen)
Numeracy of African groups in the 19th century Cape Colony: Racial segregation, Missions and Military Privilege

Yannick Dupraz (Paris School of Economics)
British and French Colonial Education in Africa: A Discontinuity Analysis at the Border between French and English-speaking Cameroon

12.40-13.20 Lunch (Mezzanine)

13.20-14.40 Session 6: Parallel sessions
*Last speaker in each session to act as chair

Session 6A: Marriage, Family and Colonial Rule (NAB 1.17)

Felix Meier zu Selhausen (Utrecht)
Missionaries, Marriage and Power: Dynamics and Determinants of Women’s Empowerment in Colonial Uganda, 1880-1945

Johannes Norling (Michigan)
Family Planning and Fertility in South Africa under Apartheid

Session 6B: Public Sector Employment (NAB 1.18)

Jens Andersson (Lund)
The Interaction between Public and Private Wages in Senegal 1938-1968

Rebecca Simson (LSE)
Government Employment in Post-Independence East Africa: Neopatrimonial Settlement or Failed Developmentalism?

Session 6C: Colonial Fiscal Institutions (NAB 1.19)

Kleoniki Alexopoulou (Wageningen)

Tinashe Nyamunda (Free State)
Settler Colonialism and British Imperialism: The Political Economy of Money in Southern Rhodesia, 1945-1962

14.40-15.00 Coffee (Mezzanine)

15.00-16.20 Session 7 Parallel sessions
*Last speaker in each session to act as chair

Session 7A: Colonial Institutions (NAB 1.17)

Liam Brunt (Norwegian School of Economics)
Property Rights and Economic Growth: Evidence from a Natural Experiment

Marlous van Waijenberg (Northwestern)
Comparing Forced Labour Regimes and State Capacity Building in Colonial Africa

Session 7B: Inequality and economic development (NAB 1.18)

Klas Rönnbäck (Gothenburg)
The Underdevelopment of an African Economy: The Socio-economic Impact of the Transatlantic Slave Trade on the Gold Coast

Felix Meier zu Selhausen (Utrecht), Marco H. D. van Leeuwen (Utrecht), Jacob Weisdorf (Odense/Utrecht)
From Farmers to Clerks: Intergenerational Social Mobility in Colonial and Post-colonial Uganda, 1895-2010

Session 7C: Networks and state institutions (NAB 1.19)

Alden Young (Pennsylvania)
The Sudanese Economist: Development, Professionalism and ‘Spatial Mobility’

Felicitas Becker (Cambridge)
The Changing Politics of Rural Market Participation in Lindi, Tanzania

16.20-17.20 Session 8: Factor endowments and economic development over the long run (Thai Theatre)

Chair: Leigh Gardner

Gareth Austin (Graduate Institute, Geneva)
Environmental Perspectives in African Economic History

17.20-17.30 Closing
Venues

Sessions:

New Academic Building (NAB)
Main sessions: Thai Theatre (Basement)
Parallel sessions: 1.17, 1.18, 1.19 (1st floor)

Reception:

Senior Common Room
Old Building (OLD), 5th floor