

# 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  
Tercuits 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Old Building)

Sunday, 26 October

9.00-10.20 Session 4 – Parallel sessions

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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

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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*

Dácil Juif (Wageningen)  
*Numeracy of African groups in the 19<sup>th</sup> 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

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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)

*Metropolitan Vision Under Question: Colonial Policies and Fiscal Practices in Portuguese Africa*

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

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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)

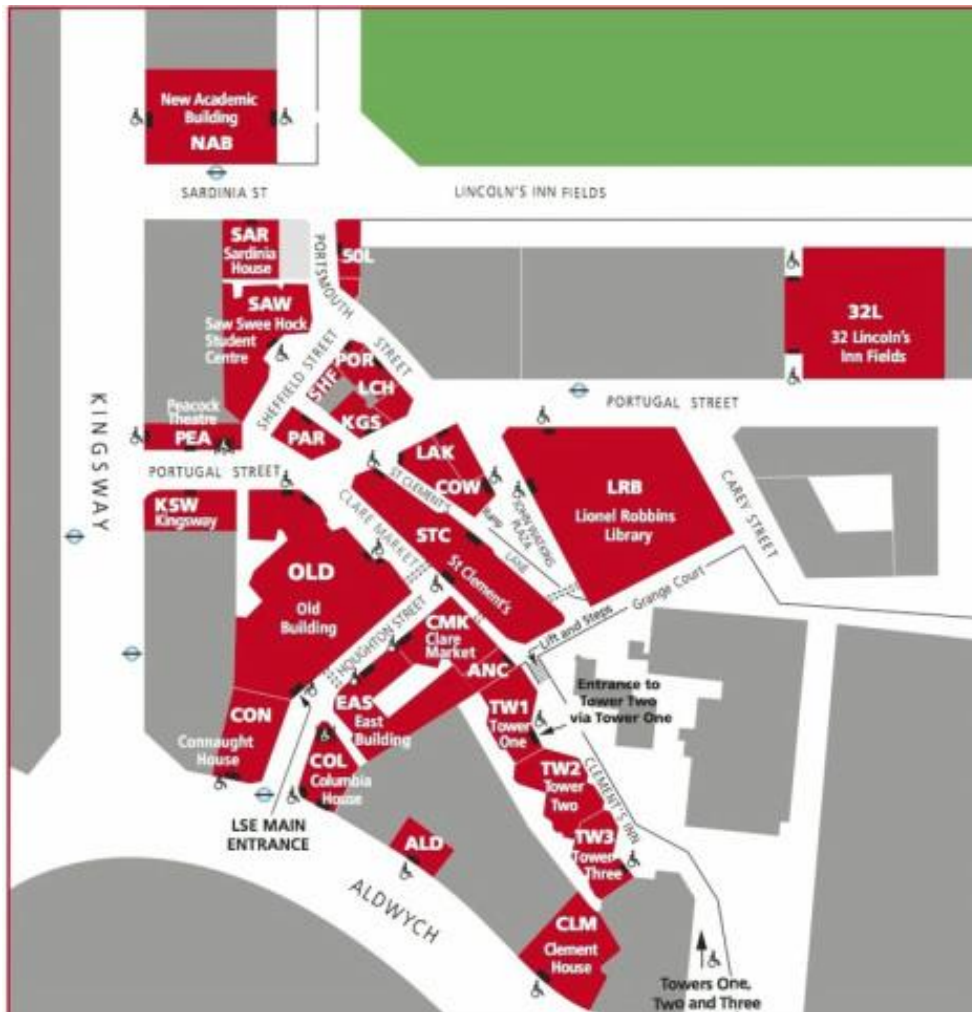
Chair: Leigh Gardner

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 (1<sup>st</sup> floor)

Reception:

Senior Common Room

Old Building (OLD), 5<sup>th</sup> floor