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Deadline for abstracts: 28 February 2014

In 2014 the 9th annual African Economic History workshop will be hosted by the Economic History Department of the London School of Economics and Political Science. The theme will be ‘African Economic Development in the Long Run’. Recent efforts to link current development outcomes with historical events such as colonialism and the slave trade have been criticized for ignoring the dynamics of long periods of Africa’s past. In response to this criticism, a growing body of research has endeavored to track African economic performance over time using measures such as historical national accounts and real wages. At the same time, work focusing on the development of African institutions has studied instances of continuity and change at critical periods of transition, including the beginning and end of the colonial period.

We invite papers that address the question of African economic performance in the long run, either through new methods of measurement or new contributions to the understanding of individual periods of African history. The workshop aims to bring together PhD students, early career researchers and established scholars in African economic history to present work in progress in a supportive environment.

The deadline for abstract submissions is 28 February 2014. Abstracts should be submitted to Leigh Gardner (l.a.gardner@lse.ac.uk)