FINAL PROGRAMME

15th Annual Meeting of the African Economic History Network

Crossroads in African Economic History

13-14 October

University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria
A Special Welcome from the 2022 Local Host Committee

On behalf of the Local Host Committee for this year’s African Economic History Network Meeting, we want to wish you a warm welcome to Gran Canaria. Our local committee includes Faculty Members from the Universidad de Las Palmas de Gran Canaria and the Universidad Carlos III de Madrid. Together, we have greatly enjoyed the chance to create an exciting scientific programme covering key topics and questions about the economic past of the African continent.

The Canary Islands have been a crossroads between Africa and the rest of the world from the Early Modern Age up to the present. People, goods and ideas from Europe, Africa and America passed through these islands for centuries. This conference thus continues this long tradition by taking the advantage of the Canaries’ unique location to be a crossover now for academic discussion.

The programme contains two keynotes and over twenty parallel sessions devoted to the most recent studies on African Economic History from different perspectives. In addition to that, the programme also includes a number of cultural activities such as cocktail events and live music in Casa Africa as well as a guided tour through the historical centre with a guided visit of the Museo Canario and a Keynote on the economic past of the ancient Canary societies. Lastly, the Jay-Jay Okocha soccer trophy will form a key activity of this academic event!

We hope that you will enjoy this conference as well as your time in sunny Gran Canaria!

Daniel Castillo, Universidad de Las Palmas de Gran Canaria
Dácil Juif, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid
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Keynotes

Thursday 13th October, Humanities Hall, 9.15-10.00

Prof. Antony G. Hopkins
Emeritus Smuts Professor of Commonwealth History, University of Cambridge
‘Fate and Fortune in a Colonial Port City: African Merchants in Lagos, 1850-1920’

Abstract
This talk advertises a neglected subject: the role of entrepreneurs in Africa’s long-run development. It analyses the careers of 100 African merchants in the port-city of Lagos between 1851 and 1921 and a revised opinion about their fortunes. They did not decline, nor did sole-ownership constrain their activities. They made the first attempts to diversify the economy and ensured that limited companies could be registered locally. All firms, indigenous and foreign, struggled during the inter-war period. Lagos merchants adapted by becoming financiers and rentiers. In doing so, they made a vital contribution to the large and diverse economy that characterized Nigeria after 1945.

Friday 14th October, Nelson Mandela Auditorium, Casa África, 17.45-19.00

Prof. Belinda Archibong
Assistant Professor of Economics, Barnard College, Columbia University
‘Interrogating Inequality’

Abstract
There is a growing literature on the long-term effects of historical institutions on current economic outcomes in Africa, with work highlighting the significance of colonial infrastructure like roads, railroads, and missionary schools for current development outcomes. However, who built the railroads? In addition, what was the role of domestic forced African labour in not just constructing this colonial infrastructure but shaping current legal institutions in Africa? We provide evidence from new research on prison labour in colonial Africa to answer these questions with a focus on the ways institutions of justice were used to serve economic and other extrajudicial interests, with lasting deleterious effects.
12th October – Hotel Fataga

16.00-18.30 YSI Pre-Workshop
North-South Relations and Pandemic Politics: Geopolitics or Scientific Responses to COVID-19? (Upon Invitation due to capacity restrictions)

Organizer and Chair: Petronella Munhenzva, Oxford University

Kundai Manamere (University of the Free State)

(Re)engaging Institutions in Crisis?” CoronaVirus Aid Scandals; The Case of Nigeria and Zimbabwe”.
Nyasha Bushu, (University of the Free State)

Allen Marara (University of Zimbabwe)

18.30-20.00 Meeting of the AEHN Board
13th October – Campus de El Obelisco

8.30-18.00 Registration (IATEXT desk)
9.00-9.15   Opening and Welcome, Humanities Hall
Words of Greeting

Rector Magnífico, Prof. Lluis Serra Majem, Chancellor of the University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria

Ilustrísima Sra. Dr. Nasara Cabrera Abu, Government of the Canary Islands
Excmo. Sr. Carmelo Ramírez Marrero, Cabildo de Gran Canaria


10.30-11.00 Coffee break (Cafeteria)

11.00-12.30   Parallel Sessions (A1-3) (Rooms B21, B22, B23)
Chair: Antony G. Hopkins, University of Cambridge

Histories of Capitalism in Africa, 1650s-1940s.
Gareth Austin (University of Cambridge).


Irina Yánishev Nésterova (Universidad de Las Palmas de Gran Canaria).

The Bata Company in Africa.
Milan Balaban (Tomas Bata University in Zlim).
Session A2. Wealth and Income distribution (I) (Room B23)
Chair: Dácil Juif (Universidad Carlos III de Madrid).

*Historical Real Wage as Seen from East Africa.*
Sascha Klocke (Lund University).

*The (Im)possibility of Growth for African Colonies: A Series of GDP & Real Wages for the Congo During 1885-1960.*
Vincent Delabastita (Radboud University) and Robin Philips (Utrecht University).

*Is Africa Growing Out of Poverty? A Historical Comparative Case Study of Structural Change in Côte d’Ivoire.*
Mark Melles (Lund University).

Session A3. Family and Gender in African Economic History (Room B22)
Chair: Belinda Archibong, Columbia University

*Reported Preferences for Sons and Daughters.*
Johannes Norling (Mount Holyoke College).

*The Weaker Link: Matriliny, Cross-Cutting Ties, and Conflict in Sub-Saharan Africa.*
Jennifer Kohler (London School of Economics).

*Women of the Cape Colony.*
Leoné Walters (Stellenbosch University).

12.30-13.30 Lunch (Cafeteria)

13.30-15.00 Parallel Sessions (B1-3) (Rooms B21, B22, B23)
Session B1. Slavery and Economic Development (Room B21)
Chair: Federico Tadei, Universidad de Barcelona

*Profiting from Slavery and Emancipation: Compensation, Capital, and Collateral in Nineteenth Century Senegal.*
Bronwen Everill (University of Cambridge) and Khadidiatou Diedhiou (University Cheikh Anta Diop).

Kara Dimitruk (University of Western Cape), Kate Ekama (Stellenbosch University) and Christie Swanepoel (University of Western Cape).
The Role of Expanding Capitalist Relations in the History of Post-Slavery in East Africa.
Felicitas Becker (Ghent University) and Nives Kinunda (University of Dar es Salaam).

Session B2. Mining and Extractive Economies (Room B22)
Chair: Erik Green, Lund University

Monetary Compensation and Wellbeing of Copper Mine Labour in Chile and the Central African Copperbelt, 1920s to 1960s.
Dácil Juif (Universidad Carlos III de Madrid) and Sergio Garrido (University of Chile).

Fixing a Flawed Diamond: What We Can Learn from a Portuguese Colonial Diamond Mine’s Delayed Evolution from Coercive Labour Policies to far more Inclusive Practices.
Leo Dolan (Universidad Carlos III de Madrid).

Africa’s Mineral Revolution in a Long-Term Trade Perspective.
Ewout Frankema (Wageningen University) and Felix Meier zu Selhausen (Utrecht University).

Session B3. Transport, Infrastructures, and Urban Development. Session sponsored by PORMAR Chair (Room B23)
Chair: Casiano Manrique de Lara, Universidad de Las Palmas de Gran Canaria.

Tanik Joshipura (Wageningen University).

Africa in the World: Maritime Connectivity, Seaborne Trade, and Globalization.
Daniel Castillo Hidalgo (Universidad de Las Palmas de Gran Canaria) and César Ducruet (EconomiX Laboratory, CNRS).

Damilola Adebayo (York University).

15.00-15.30 Coffee break (Cafeteria)
15.30-17.00 Parallel Sessions (C1-2) (Rooms B21, B23)

Chair: Jesús Martínez Milán, Universidad de Las Palmas de Gran Canaria

Andrés Sánchez Picón and Mari C. Pérez Artés (Universidad de Almería).

Extractive Agriculture and Permanent Settlement: The Effects of Viticulture in Colonial Algeria.
Laura Maravall (Universidad de Alcalá), Sergi Basco (Universidad de Barcelona) and Jordi Dòmenech (Universidad Carlos III de Madrid).

The Crises in North Africa and the Transformation of the Economy in the Western Sahel.
Dagauh Komenan (Universidad de Las Palmas de Gran Canaria).

Session C2. Health and Sanitation Policies (I) (Room B21)
Chair: Kleoniki Alexoupoulou, University Nova of Lisbon

The Expansion of Colonial Healthcare in Twentieth Century British Africa.
Jutta Bolt (Lund University and University of Groningen) and Jeanne Cilliers (Lund University).

Uncovering the Role of Education in the Uptake of Preventive Measures Against Malaria in the African Population.
Elisabeth Kempter (University Tuebingen) and Neha B. Upadhayay (Paris XII University).

Development of Disease in Ghana and Côte d’Ivoire and the Colonial Response: ca.1900-1955.
Arlinde Vrooman (University of Groningen).
17.00-18.30 – Plenary Session, Humanities Hall. The Economic History of Africa in Books
Chair: Gareth Austin, University of Cambridge

Our Long Walk to Economic Freedom.
Johan Fourie (Stellenbosch University).

Leigh Gardner (London School of Economics)

Migration in Africa. Shifting Patterns of Mobility from the 19th to the 21st Century
Ewout Frankema (Wageningen University)

Monetary Transitions. Currencies, Colonialism and African Societies.
Karin Pallaver (University of Bologna)

Creating the Cape Colony: The political economy of settler colonization.
Erik Green (Lund University)

The History of African Development (AEHN Textbook Update).
Felix Meier zu Selhausen (Wageningen University)

19.00-20.30 Jay-Jay Okocha Trophy Soccer Match, Campo de fútbol de Tafira (astroturf).
(Players and fans will be transported by bus)
Match sponsored by the Servicio de Deportes de la ULPGC
14th October – Campus de El Obelisco

8.30-16.00 Registration (IATEXT desk)

9.00-11.00 Parallel Sessions (D1-4) (B15, B21, B22, B23)

Session D1. The Economic Role of African Islands (Room B15)
Chair: Sergio Solbes Ferri, Universidad de Las Palmas de Gran Canaria

Luso-Cape Verdean Entrepreneurship in the Canary Islands During the Transformation of the Island Economic Model at the End of the 16th century.
Javier L. Álvarez Santos (Universidad de Las Palmas de Gran Canaria).

Linn Ternsjö (Lund University).

The African Hub. The Role of the Canary Islands in Foreign Trade with Africa During World War II.
Daniel Pérez-Estévez (Museo Canario).

Session D2. Institutions and Taxation Policies (Room B21)
Chair: Ewout Frankema, Wageningen University

Labour Taxes in Sierra Leone Protectorate: Calculating the Cost of Reforms.
Laura Channing (Durham University).

Fiscal Capacities in Africa from Colonial Times to Present, Evidence from Former French Colonies 1900-2018.
Denis Cogneau (Paris School of Economics), Yanick Dupraz (Aix-Marseille University), Justine Knebelmann (MIT) and Sandrine Mesplé-Somps (Paris Dauphine, PSL).

Thilo Albers (Humboldt University of Berlin), Morten Jerven (Lund University) and Marvin Suesse (Trinity College Dublin).

The Magna Carta in Kenya? Law, the Power to Tax, and the Institutional Legacies of British Colonialism.
Leigh Gardner (London School of Economics).
Session D3. Currencies and Financial Markets (Room B22)
Chair: Bernard Kusena, University of Zimbabwe

Tapiwa Madimu (Rhodes University).

Monetary Transformations in the Early Colonial Gulf of Guinea, 1880s to 1920s.
Enrique Martino (Universidad Complutense de Madrid).

Sibanengi Ncube (University of the Free State).

More Than a Monetary Crossroads: Assessing the Regional Dimension of the Circulation of the Maria Theresa Thaler in the Red Sea Region.
Alessandro De Cola (University of the Free State).

Session D4. Industrial Development and Business (Room B23)
Chair: Jörg Baten, University of Tübingen

Katharine Frederick and Elise van Nederveen Meerkerk (Utrecht University).

Hannaan Marwah (Open Society Foundation).

"Kaffir Circus" British Investments in Colonial Southern Africa, 1880-1920,
Alfons Frasens (Leiden University).

11.00-11.30 Coffee break (Cafeteria)
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Session E1. Wealth and Income Distribution (II) (Room B23)
Chair: Germán Santana Pérez, Universidad de Las Palmas de Gran Canaria

The Equality of Capitalism? African Financiers in Cape Joint Stock Companies During the Nineteenth Century.
Lloyd Melusi Maphosa (University of Cape Town).

Abel Gwaindepi (Lund University).

The Legacy of the ‘Scramble for Africa’ on Modern Inequality.
Andrew Crawford (German Institute for Global Area Studies).

Import Substitution, Structural Adjustment and Restructuring of the Global economy: What Explains Premature De-Industrialization in Africa and Latin America?
Cristian Ducoing, Erik Green and Bertus M. Melles (Lund University).

Session E2. The Economic Impact of Commodity Trade (Room B21)
Chair: Gareth Austin, University of Cambridge

"Uncommercial Procedures": Coffee and Debt-Crisis in Depression-Era Kenya.
Paul Ocoboek (University of Notre Dame).

Household Inequality and Cash Crop Production in mid-Twentieth Century Burkina Faso.
Thomas Zuber (Columbia University).

Crops, Price or Policies? Why Commodity Exports in British and French West Africa Diverged After the 1880s.
Michiel de Haas, Ewout Frankema (Wageningen University), Felix Meier Zu Selhausen (Utrecht University) and Federico Tadei (Universidad de Barcelona).
Session E3. Health and Sanitation Policies (II) (Room B22)
Chair: Johan Fourie, Stellenbosch University

The Fight Against Malaria: A New Index for Quantifying and Assessing Policy Implementation Actions to Reduce Malaria Burden in Sub-Saharan Africa.
Carlos Bethencourt and Gustavo Alberto Marrero Diaz (Universidad de La Laguna).

Bernard Kusena (University of Zimbabwe).

Economic Crisis and the Rise of Trade in Sex Tonics in post-Colonial Zimbabwe.
Ushehwedu Kufakurinani (King’s College London).

Session E4. Education and Human Capital Accumulation (Room B15)
Chair: Leigh Gardner, London School of Economics

Crossroads Effects on Regional and Social Inequality of Numeracy in Sub-Saharan Africa 1930s-1990s.
Jörg Baten (University of Tübingen).

The Evolution of Educational Gender Gaps in Colonial Mozambique.
Pablo Fernández-Cebrián (Universidad de Barcelona).

Human Capital Formation in Ethiopia and Rwanda.
Mesfin Abraham Ali (Wageningen University).

The IMF, World Bank and Structural Adjustment of Housing in Ghana: Looking to History for Lessons to Improve Accountable Delivery of International Development in Africa.
Festival Godwin Boateng (Earth Institute, Columbia).

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Session F1. An Economic History of Southern Africa (Room B21)

Chair: Jutta Bolt, Lund University and University of Groningen

*Great or Not? An Empirical Investigation into the Causes of the Great Trek.*
Johan Fourie and Calumet Links (Stellenbosch University).

*Khoesan Resilience: The Impacts of Drought in the Cape Colony.*
Ben Chatterton and Erik Green (Lund University) and Calumet Links (Stellenbosch University).

*When Protest Movements Fail: The Economic Causes and Consequences of Settler Rebellion in the Cape of Good Hope, 1770-1780.*
Jonathan Schoots (Stellenbosch University), Johan Fourie (Stellenbosch University) and Katherine Eriksson (University of California Davis).

*A Note on the Household Welfare of the Khoe in the Cape Colony.*
Calumet Links (Stellenbosch University), Francisco J. Marco-García (Universidad de Zaragoza) and Christie Swanepoel (University of the Western Cape).

Session F2. Labour Organization in the Long Run (Room B15)

Chair: Juan Manuel Santana Pérez, University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria

*The Italian Colonial Empire in Africa as a Crossroad for Labour Mobilization.*
Donatella Strangio (Sapienza University of Rome).

Federico Tadei (Universidad de Barcelona).

*Labour Transformations in Southern Africa from Colonial to Postcolonial Times: Realities and Connotations.*
Kleoniki Alexopoulou (NOVA University Lisbon) and Dácil Juif (Universidad Carlos III de Madrid).

*Iron Ore in Mauritania: MIFERMA and the world of its workers (1952-1974)*
E. Ann McDougall (University of Alberta)
Session F3. Economic Inequality and Institutions (Room B22)
Chair: Denis Cogneau, Paris School of Economics

*Elite Persistence in Sierra Leone: What Can Names Tell Us?*
Rebecca Simson (Wadham College, Oxford), Yannick Dupraz (CNRS, Aix-Marseille University) and Henry M. Kpaka (Independent).

*Rural Capitalism and Income Inequality in Colonial Africa: Trends and Transitions.*
Prince Young Aboagye, Ellen Hillbom and Sascha Klocke (Lund University).

*Incarcerating the Agricultural Reserve Army: Unemployment, Incarceration & the Settler Project in Depression Era Kenya.*
Jonathan Donald Jenner (University of Manitoba).

Session F4. New Sources on African Economic History (Room B23)
Chair: Lloyd Melusi Maphosa, University of Cape Town

*African Time Travelers: What Can We Learn From 500 Years of Written Accounts?*
Edward Kerby (Stellenbosch University), Alexander Moradi (Free State University of Bozen-Bolzano) and Hanjo Odendaal (Stellenbosch University).

*Anthropometric History of Equatorial Guinea Based on Colonial Sources, 1938-1960.*
José A. Ortega (University of Salamanca).

*On the Way to a Quantitative Economic Historiography of Somalia.*
Sarah Ferber and Joerg Baten (University of Tübingen).

*Love Your Neighbor as Yourself: Christian Missions, Ethnic Fractionalization, and Development in Africa.*
Alessandra Quintigliano and Jacob Weisdorf (Sapienza University of Rome).

19.00-19.15 Conclusion
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CONFERENCE VENUE

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CASA ÁFRICA

Keynote 2 and Cocktails (14th October)

Directions to the venue

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GUIDED TOUR (Triana-Vegueta)

15th October

Meeting Point: Gabinete Literario

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PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Currency: Euros
VAT: 7% (IGIC)
Language: Spanish
Emergency phone: 112
Weather in Gran Canaria (October, historical average): 20° - 26° (6% rain chance)
Airport: Gran Canaria/Las Palmas (international airport)
Distance from the airport to the Conference Venue: 22.3 km
University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria (est. 1989)
Students: 22,707 (2022)
Academic Staff: 1,596 (includes Ph.D. and postdoc fellows)
Budget: 162.48M Euros (2022)
Population (Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, city): 403,507
Population (Gran Canaria): 873,368
GDP per head (Canary Islands, 2019): 17,448 euros (Spain avg., 29,027 euros)
Economic structure (2020):
  Agriculture: 2.1%
  Industry: 6.8%
  Building: 7.2%
  Services: 83.9%
Arrival of Tourists (Canary Islands): 13,147,000 (2019)
Expenditure of international tourists: 16,854 billion of euros (2019)
Average stay: 7.1 days
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