VI Annual Meeting of the African Economic History Network

New Approaches to African Economic History:
History, Methods and Interdisciplinarity

21-22 October 2016

University of Sussex, Brighton
Falmer Campus
Conference Centre 3rd Floor, Bramber House

Friday 21 October

8.30-9.00 Registration and Coffee

9.00-9.30 Opening and Welcome (Terrace Room)

9.30 – 11.00 Session 1: Parallel sessions

Session 1A: Historical Demography (Terrace Room)

Jeanne Cilliers (Lund) and Martine Mariotti (Australian National)
The Fertile Frontier: Differential Fertility in a Settler Colony

Shane Doyle (Leeds)
Hospital Maternity Registers and African Historical Demography

Felix Meier zu Selhausen (Sussex & SDU) and Jacob Weisdorf (SDU)
Gender and Class Formation in urban British Africa: Evidence from Anglican Marriage Registers 1880-1960
Session 1B: Governing Resources in Sudanese History (Meeting Room 1)

Matthew Benson (Durham)
‘All should understand that they have a legal allegiance to the Government’: tribute, the revenue imperative and citizen-state ties in colonial Sudan and South Sudan

Cherry Leonardi (Durham)
‘Our grandparents were ignorant of the land values’: debating histories of land tenure and governance in South Sudan

Harry Cross (Durham)
Urbanisation and Planning in Khartoum, 1945-1955

Session 1C: Institutions and Development in West Africa (Gallery 2)

Jutta Bolt (Groningen) and Leigh Gardner (LSE)
Change or persistence? African institutions, economic change and colonial rule in the Gold Coast

Klas Rönnbäck (Gothenburg) and Stefania Galli (Gothenburg)
Colonial Institutions and Pre-Industrial Inequality: rural Sierra Leone in 1831, the most equal society of its time

Leigh Gardner (LSE)
‘The Love of Liberty Brought us Here’: Migration of African-Americans from the United States to Liberia, 1820-1904

--- 11.00-11.30 Coffee ---

11.30 – 13.00 Session 2: Parallel sessions

Session 2A: The African Tax State in Comparative Perspective (Terrace Room)

Morten Jerven (Norwegian University of Life Sciences), Thilo Albers (LSE) and Marvin Suesse (New York University)
The African Tax State in the Long Run

Yannick Dupraz (Warwick), Denis Cogneau (PSE) and Sandrine Mesple-Somps (IRD & Paris-Dauphine)
African states and development in historical perspective: Colonial public finances in British and French West Africa

Kleoniki Alexopoulou (Wageningen) and Ewout Frankema (Wageningen)
Securing the Colonial State: Effective occupation and military spending in Portuguese and British Africa, 1850s-1940s
**Session 2B: New Approaches in African Agricultural and Rural History I: Political Economy Perspectives (Gallery 2)**

Jan Greyling (Stellenbosch) and Frikkie Liebenberg (Stellenbosch)
*Revisiting Apartheid Agricultural Employment: Maize as the one for all?*

Ellen Hillbom (Lund) and Sam Jenkins (Lund)
*Maize for the Mines: The shaping of Zambia’s agricultural sector c. 1915-2015*

Emelie Rohne Till (Lund)

--- 13.00-14:00 Lunch ---

**14.00 – 16.00 Session 3: Parallel sessions**

**Session 3A: Relating long-term trends in Incomes and Inequality to Occupational and Structural Change I (Terrace Room)**

Ellen Hillbom (Lund) and Jutta Bolt (Groningen)
*Declining income inequality in the midst of Botswana’s diamond-led growth*

Guido Alfani (Bocconi) and Federico Tadei (Bocconi)
*Income Inequality in Colonial Africa: Building Social Tables for Pre-Independence Central African Republic, Ivory Coast, and Senegal*

Prince Young Aboagye (Lund) and Jutta Bolt (Groningen)
*Doing well while doing good? Long-term trends in income inequality in Ghana 1895-2015*

Denis Cogneau (PSE), Alvaredo Facundo (PSE) and Thomas Piketty (PSE)
*Income Inequality under Colonial Rule - Evidence from French Algeria, Cameroon, Indochina and Tunisia, 1920-1960*

**Session 3B: New Approaches in African Agricultural and Rural History II: Land, Labour and Capital (Meeting Room 1)**

Kostadis Papaioannou (Wageningen) and Ewout Frankema (Wageningen)
*Rainfall patterns and human settlement in tropical Africa and Asia compared. Did Africans face greater insecurity*

Michiel de Haas (Wageningen)
*Smallholder cash crop adoption in colonial Africa: Uganda’s ‘cotton revolution’ in a comparative perspective*

Erik Green (Lund) and Mark Nyandoro (University of Zimbabwe)
*Labour and capital in a land abundant peasant economy - explaining the relative success of native purchase area farmers in Southern Rhodesia, 1930-1979*

Calumet Links (Stellenbosch)
*Household welfare and agriculture on the 18th century Cape Eastern frontier*
Session 3C: Business and Government in Ghana and Nigeria: Historical Perspectives (Gallery 2)

Gareth Austin (Cambridge)
*The state and Business in Ghana: pre-colonial, colonial, post-colonial 1807-2000*

Stephanie Decker (Aston Business School)
*The impact of colonial development debates on the human resources policies of imperial business in Ghana and Nigeria, 1940-1960*

Ayowa Afrifa-Taylor
*Ashanti Goldfields Corporation and the Colonial and Post-Colonial State*

Chibuike Uche (Leiden)
*FrieslandCampina and dairy development in Nigeria*

--- 16.00-16.30 Coffee ---

16.30 – 17.30 Session 4: Parallel sessions

Session 4A: Biological Standard of Living (Terrace Room)

Gareth Austin (Cambridge), Jörg Baten (Tübingen) and Alexander Moradi (Sussex)
*Heights and Development in a Cash-Crop Colony: Living Standards in Ghana, 1880–1980*

Bokang Mpeta, (Stellenbosch), Johan Fourie (Stellenbosch) and Kris Inwood (Guelph’s)
*Black living standards in South Africa before democracy: new evidence from heights*

Session 4B: Natural Resources and Development (Meeting Room 1)

Nemera Gebeyehu Mamo (Sussex)
*Political Economy of Natural Resources: How is political power distributed in Africa?*

Dácil Juij (Wageningen)
*Resource curse or blessing? The impact of mining activities on schooling in Zambia*

Session 4C: Currencies and Financial Markets (Gallery 2)

Marisa Candotti (SOAS)
*Credit, multiple markets and the complementarity between monies in the economic growth of the Sokoto Caliphate: rethinking West African monetary history*

Klas Rönnbäck (Gothenburg) and Oskar Broberg (Gothenburg)
*Imperial profits – The globalization of financial markets and the return on British investments in Africa, 1870-1970*
17.45 - 18.45 Keynote speech (Terrace Room)

Paul Lovejoy (University of York, CA)

The Economics of the ‘Second Slavery’ in the Jihad States of West Africa

--- 18.45-19.30 Reception ---

20.00 Dinner at Proud Country House, Stanmer Park (20 min walk together)
Saturday 22 October

9.00 – 11.00 Session 5: Parallel sessions

Session 5A: West African Trade (Terrace Room)

Angus Dalrymple-Smith (Wageningen) and Pieter Woltjer (Wageningen)
Commodities, Prices and Risk: The changing markets for non-slave products in pre-abolition West Africa

Toyomu Masaki (Kanazawa University)
Guinée cloth exported to Western Africa via France 1815-1929: Focusing on the changes in transit points and destinations at the turn of the century

Yakubu Mukhtar (Yobe State)
Cross Border Trade in Nigeria’s North East Frontier with Cameroon, Chad and Niger

Emmanuelle Lavallée (Paris-Dauphine) and Julie Lochard (Paris-Est Créteil)
French Neo-Colonialism? French-African Trade after Independence

Session 5B: Fiscal Capacity and Development in the French Colonial Empire (Gallery 2)

Sandrine Mesplé-Somps (IRD & Paris-Dauphine), Denis Cogneau (PSE) and Yannick Dupraz (Warwick)
Public Finance and Investment in the French Colonial Empire 1870-1960

Elise Huillery (Sciences-Po Paris), Denis Cogneau (PSE) and Sandrine Mesplé-Somps (IRD & Paris-Dauphine)
Who Bore the Cost of French Colonies? Public Transfers within the French Empire 1830-1960

Jens Andersson (Lund)
Keeping the gates: The colonial customs administration in French West Africa

Samuel Sanchez (IRD & Paris Dauphine)
An Independent State facing Imperial Influences. Fiscal Policies of the Kingdom of Madagascar (19th c.)

Laura Maravall Buckwalter (Carlos III de Madrid)
The crowding-out of rural settlement: a case study in pre-independence Algeria in the beginning of the 1900s'

--- 11.00-11.30 Coffee ---
11.30 – 13.00 Session 6: Parallel sessions

Session 6A: Slave Trades (Terrace Room)

John Dalton (Wake Forest) and Tin Cheuk Leung (Chinese University of Hong Kong)
*Being Bad by Being Good: Owner and Captain Value-Added in the Slave Trade*

Robin Law (Stirling & Liverpool)
*The ‘Golden Age’ in the History of the Gold Coast: the seventeenth century*

Klas Rönnbäck (Gothenburg) and Dimitrios Theodoridis (Gothenburg)
*Slave trade and agricultural productivity: early nineteenth century agriculture in Senegal in a comparative perspective*

Session 6B: Infrastructure and Transport (Meeting Room 1)

Daniel Castillo-Hidalgo (Las Palmas de Gran Canaria)
*The Crisis of Suez and structural changes on the West African maritime façade (1956-1972)*

Mattia Bertazzini (LSE)
*The long-term impact of Italian colonial roads in the Horn of Africa. 1935-2000*

Hanaan Marwah (LSE)
*Financing of Sub Saharan African Infrastructure in Long Term Historical Perspective*

Session 6C: Relating long-term trends in Incomes and Inequality to Occupational and Structural Change II (Gallery 2)

Michiel de Haas (Wageningen), Ewout Frankema (Wageningen) and Dácil Juif (Wageningen)
*Occupational structures in the Belgian Congo and Ruanda-Urundi*

Karin Pallaver (Bologna)
*Occupational Structure, Labour Relations and the Payment of Wages in Kenya (1880-2009)*

Rebecca Simson (LSE)
*The Rise and Fall of Africa’s Bureaucratic Bourgeoisie: Public Employment and the Middle Class in Kenya and Tanzania since Independence*

--- 13.00-14:00 Lunch ---
14.00 – 15.30 Session 7: Parallel sessions

Session 7A: Christian Missionaries and Tropical Diseases (Terrace Room)

Gabriele Cappelli (Barcelona) and Jörg Baten (Tübingen)

Matteo Alpino and Eivind Hammersmark Olson (Oslo)
*On a Mission from God: The Historical Roots of Development Aid Allocation*

Felix Meier zu Selhausen (Sussex & SDU), Alexander Moradi (Sussex) and Remi Jedwab (GWU)
*Strategies of Christian Growth: Evidence from Mission Locations in Ghana, 1751-1932*

Matthias Flückinger (Basel) and Markus Ludwig (Basel)
*Malaria Suitability and (Post-)Colonial Urbanization in Sub-Saharan Africa*

Session 7B: Developmental States and their Discontents (Gallery 2)

Jens Andersson (Lund) and Martin Andersson (Lund)
*Transformative development? The evolution of social capability in Côte d’Ivoire and Senegal during the development era 1930-1980*

Gerardo Serra (Sussex)

Olutayo Adesina (Ibadan)
*Their Songs, Our Data: Yoruba Popular Music and Socio-Economic Commentaries, 1960-2000*

--- 15.30-16.00 Coffee ---

16.00 – 17.30 Closing session: Roundtable (Terrace Room)

*The present and the future of African economic history: opportunities, constraints and methodological perspectives*

**Moderation:** Gerardo Serra (Sussex)

**Panel speakers:** Olutayo Adesina (Ibadan), Gareth Austin (Cambridge), Denis Cogneau (Paris School of Economics), Stephanie Decker (Aston Business School), Paul Lovejoy (York), Yakubu Mukhtar (Yobe State)

**Max. 20 min presentation time – 10 min discussion**

**Chair:** Last presenter, unless panels

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