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2006 ECONOMIC HISTORY ASSOCIATION MEETINGS
 15–17 SEPTEMBER 2006

The sixty-sixth annual meetings of the Economic History Association will be held at the Omni William Penn hotel in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 15–17 September 2006. The theme of the meetings is “Frontiers and Institutional Innovation: Property Rights, Production Organization and Governance, and Political Structure.” The preliminary program follows.

Friday Afternoon 1:30

SESSION A: AGRICULTURE ON THE AMERICAN FRONTIER

Stephen N. Bretsen, *Wheaton College*, and Peter J. Hill, *Wheaton College*, “Irrigation Institutions in the American West”

Karen Clay, *Carnegie Mellon University*, “Squatters, Production, and Violence”

Kenneth M. Sylvester, *University of Michigan*, “Ecological Frontiers on the Grasslands of Kansas: Changes in Farm Scale and Crop Diversity”

SESSION B: CREDIT, OWNERSHIP, AND FIRM PERFORMANCE

Fabio Braggion, *Tilburg University*, “Credit Market Constraints and Financial Networks in Late Victorian Britain”

Alan Dye, *Barnard College, Columbia University*, and Richard Sicotte, *University of Vermont*, “Cleansing Under the Quota: The Defense and Survival of Sugar Mills in 1930s Cuba”

Eric Hilt, *Wellesley College*, “Corporate Ownership and Governance in the Early Nineteenth Century (United States)”

Friday Afternoon 3:30

PLENARY SESSION:

“THE FRONTIER THAT MADE AMERICAN DIFFERENT: THE NORTH AMERICAN AGRICULTURAL FRONTIER”

Joseph P. Ferrie, *Northwestern University*, “The Significance of Frontier[s] in American [Economic] History”

Myron Guttman, *University of Michigan*, “New and Old Ways of Thinking about the History of the Great Plains”

Saturday Morning 8:00

SESSION A: COLONIAL POLICIES AND LEGACIES

Liam Brunt, *University of Lausanne*, "Legal Origins, Colonial Origins, and Economic Growth: Evidence from a Natural Experiment (South Africa)"

Stanley L. Engerman, *University of Rochester*, and Kenneth L. Sokoloff, *University of California, Los Angeles*, "Once Upon a Time in the Americas: Land and Immigration Policies in the New World"

Maria Alejandra Irigoin, *The College of New Jersey*, and Regina Grafe, *Nuffield College, Oxford*, "The Spanish Empire and its Legacy: Fiscal Re-Distribution and Political Conflict in Colonial and Post-Colonial America"

SESSION B: BANKING AND FINANCE

J. Peter Ferderer, *Macalester College*, "Institutional Innovation and the Creation of Liquid Financial Markets: The Case of the American Over-the-Counter Market"

Jane Knodell, *University of Vermont*, "Geographic and Regulatory Frontiers in Commercial Banking: Private Banking in the United States, Scotland, and Germany in Early Industrialization"

Warren Weber, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, "New Evidence on State Banking before the Civil War (United States)"

SESSION C: LABOR MARKETS IN THE UNITED STATES

Carola Frydman, *Massachusetts Institute of Technology*, and Raven Saks, *Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System*, "Historical Trends in Executive Compensation, 1936–2003"

Joseph Kaboski, *The Ohio State University*, and Trevon D. Logan, *The Ohio State University*, "The Returns to Education in the Early Twentieth Century: New Historical Evidence"

Evan Roberts, *University of Minnesota*, "Married Women's Property Acts and Women's Labor Force Participation in the United States, 1870–1920"

Saturday Morning 10:00

SESSION A: LEGAL AND INSTITUTIONAL ORIGINS

Ruth Bloch, *University of California, Los Angeles*, and Naomi Lamoreaux, *University of California, Los Angeles*, "The Private Rights of Organizations: The Tangled Roots of Laissez Faire and the Right to Privacy"

Douglass C. North, *Washington University*, John Joseph Wallis, *University of Maryland*, and Barry R. Weingast, *Stanford University*, "Organizational Support for Communal Individualism"

Claire Priest, *Northwestern University*, "Creating an American Property Law: Alienability and its Limits in American History"

Saturday Morning 10:00 — continued

SESSION B: PUBLIC GOODS

Latika Chaudhary, *University of California, Los Angeles*, "Social Divisions and Public Goods Provision: Evidence from Colonial India"

Carolyn Moehling, *Yale University*, "Mothers' Pension Legislation and the Origins of Cross-State Variation in Welfare Generosity"

John E. Murray, *University of Toledo*, "Demand for Private Health Insurance, Precautionary Savings, and Progressive Reform Failure"

SESSION C: EUROPEAN DEVELOPMENT AND DISSOLUTION

Dan Bogart, *University of California, Irvine*, and Gary Richardson, *University of California, Irvine*, "Law and Economic Development in England: New Evidence from Acts of Parliament, 1600–1815"

Mark Dincecco, *IMT Lucca Institute for Advanced Studies*, "Weak and Strong States: Fiscal Regimes and Sovereign Credit Risk in Eighteenth and Nineteenth Century Continental Europe"

Max-Stephan Schultze, *London School of Economics*, and Nikolaus Wolf, *Freie Universität Berlin*, "Harbingers of Dissolution? Grain Prices, Borders and Nationalism in the Hapsburg Economy before World War I"

Saturday Afternoon 5:00

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Gary Libecap, *University of California, Santa Barbara*, "The Great West: Institutional Change on the Frontier"

Sunday Morning 8:30

SESSION A: SLAVERY AND ITS AFTERMATH

Ashley Coleman, *Wachovia Securities*, and William K. Hutchinson, *Vanderbilt University*, "Determinants of Slave Prices: Louisiana, 1725 to 1820"

Alan L. Olmstead, *University of California, Davis*, and Paul W. Rhode, *University of North Carolina*, "Wait a Cotton Pickin Minute! A New View of Slave Productivity"

William Troost, *University of California, Irvine*, "Accomplishment and Abandonment: The Freedmen's Bureau and Black Literacy Rates"

SESSION B: MACROECONOMIC GROWTH AND POLICY

Alexander J. Field, *Santa Clara University*, "U.S. Economic Growth in the Gilded Age"

Masato Shizume, *Kobe University*, "Low Interest Rate Policy in the Early 1930s in Japan: A Myth of 'the Keynesian before Keynes'"

César Yáñez, *Universidad de Barcelona*, M.d.Mar Rubio, *Universitat Pompeu Fabra*, and Albert Carreras, *Universitat Pompeu Fabra*, "Economic Modernization in Latin America and the Caribbean between 1890 and 1930: A View from the Modern Energy Consumption"

Sunday Morning 10:30

SESSION A: THE ECONOMICS OF COOPERATION

Ran Abramitzky, *Stanford University*, "The Limits of Equality: Insights from the Israeli Kibbutz"

James I. Stewart, *Reed College*, "Free-Riding, Collective Action, and Farm Interest Group Membership"

Susan Wolcott, *SUNY-Binghamton*, "Ceremonial Expenditure as a Response to Risk in Pre-Independence India: Evidence from the All-India Rural Credit Survey of 1951"

SESSION B: INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSES TO EXTERNAL THREATS

Haggay Etkes, *Hebrew University*, "Lawlessness at the Desert Frontier: Analysis of Protection Payments from Ottoman Gaza, 1525–1555"

Robert K. Fleck, *Montana State University*, and F. Andrew Hanssen, *Montana State University*, "Rulers Ruled by Women: An Economic Analysis of the Rise and Fall of Women's Rights in Ancient Sparta"

Murat Iyigun, *University of Colorado*, "Ottoman Conquests and European Ecclesiastical Pluralism"

ECONOMIC HISTORY SOCIETY ANNUAL CONFERENCE
30 MARCH–1 APRIL 2007, UNIVERSITY OF EXETER
CALL FOR ACADEMIC PAPERS

The 2007 annual conference of the Economic History Society will be hosted by the University of Exeter from 30 March to 1 April.

The conference program committee welcomes proposals in all aspects of economic and social history covering a wide range of periods and countries, and particularly welcomes papers of an interdisciplinary nature. Preference may be given to scholars who did not present a paper at the previous year's conference. Those currently studying for a Ph.D. should submit a proposal to the New Researcher session; please contact Maureen Galbraith (ehsocsec@arts.gla.ac.uk) for further information.

The committee invites proposals for individual papers, as well as for entire sessions (3 speakers, 1.5 hours duration). The latter should include proposals and synopses for each paper in the session, although the committee reserves the right to determine which papers will be presented in the session if it is accepted. If a session is not accepted, the committee may incorporate one or more of the proposed papers into other panels.

For each proposed paper, please send (preferably by e-mail) a brief c.v. and a short abstract (including name, postal, and e-mail addresses) of 400–500 words to: Maureen Galbraith; Economic History Society; Dept. of Economic & Social History; University of Glasgow; Lilybank House, Bute Gardens; Glasgow G12 8RT; Scotland, UK. E-mail: ehsocsec@arts.gla.ac.uk.

For full consideration, proposals must be received by 18 September 2006. Notices of acceptance will be sent to individual paper givers by 17 November 2006.

Should your paper be accepted, you will be asked to provide the following:

A brief nontechnical summary of your paper for the "Media Briefings" section of the Society's website (by 3 January 2007).

An abstract of the paper for inclusion in the conference booklet (by 3 January 2007).

An electronic copy of your full paper, or a web address where the paper is available for consultation (by 5 March 2007).

It is the normal expectation that speakers who submit a proposal for a paper to the Conference Committee should be able to obtain independent financial support for their travel and conference attendance. However, a very limited support fund exists to assist overseas speakers who are unable to obtain funding from their own institution or from another source. Details of this fund and an application form can be obtained from the Society's administrative secretary, Maureen Galbraith (ehsocsec@arts.gla.ac.uk). It is important that a completed application form is included with the paper proposal and the brief c.v., which are submitted to the conference committee for the September deadline. Only in exceptional circumstances will later applications for support be considered.