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16–18 SEPTEMBER 2016

The seventy-sixth annual meeting of the Economic History Association will be held in Boulder, Colorado on 16–18 September 2016. The theme of the meeting is “Economic History and Economic Development.” The papers chosen are as follows.

CONFLICT AND THE STATE IN EUROPE

- Seth Gordon Benzell, *Boston University*, and Kevin Cooke, *Boston University*, “A Network of Thrones: Kinship and Conflict in Europe, 1495–1918”
Francisco J. Pino, *University of Chile*, and Jordi Vidal-Robert, *University of Sydney*, “Habemus Papam? Polarization and Conflict in the Papal States”
Jakob Schneebacher, *Yale University*, “State Formation and Social Conflict: The Political Economy of the Old Swiss Confederacy”

TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT

- Dan Bogart, *UC Irvine*, Leigh Shaw-Taylor, *University of Cambridge*, and Max Satchell, *University of Cambridge*, “Structural Change: Railways, Coal and Employment Growth in Nineteenth Century England and Wales”
Dustin Frye, *Vassar College*, “Transportation Networks and the Geographic Concentration of Industry”
Santiago Pérez, *Stanford University*, “Moving to Opportunity: Railroads, Migrations and Economic Mobility”

THE CIVIL WAR: LONG-RUN IMPACT

- Philipp Ager, *University of Southern Denmark*, Leah Boustan, *UCLA*, and Katherine Eriksson, *UC-Davis*, “The Effect of Fathers’ Wealth on Sons’ Adult Outcomes in the Nineteenth Century: Evidence from the Civil War”
Shari J. Eli, *University of Toronto*, Laura Salisbury, *York University*, and Allison Shertzer, *University of Pittsburgh*, “The Long-Run Effects of Losing the Civil War: Evidence from Border States”
Jeffrey G. Williamson, *Harvard and Wisconsin*, and Peter H. Lindert, *UC-Davis*, “The Civil War Revisited: Losing World Leadership, Gaining Emancipation, Widening Northern Inequality”

BANKING RISK, POLICY AND INSTITUTIONS

- Anna Grodecka, *Sveriges Riksbank*, and Antonis Kotidis, *University of Bonn*, “Double Liability in a Branch Banking System: Historical Evidence from Canada”

Charles W. Calomiris, *Columbia University*, and Matthew Jaremski, *Colgate University*, "Stealing Deposits: Deposit Insurance, Risk-Taking and the Removal of Market Discipline in Early Twentieth Century Banks"

Geoffrey Fain Williams, *Transylvania University*, "'Lending Money to People Across the Water': The British Joint Stock Banking Acts of 1826 and 1833, and the Panic of 1837"

TRADE AND MIGRATION IN FORMAL AND INFORMAL EMPIRE

Ellora Derenoncourt, *Harvard University*, "Atlantic Slavery's Impact on European Economic Development"

Daphne Alvarez Villa, *Oxford University*, and Jenny Guardado, *Georgetown University*, "The Long-Run Influence of Institutions Governing Trade: The Case of Colonial and Pirates' Ports in Mexico"

Edward Kosack, *Xavier University*, "The Long-Run Development Impacts of a Guest Worker Program: Evidence from the Bracero Program"

SCIENCE AND INNOVATION

Margaret Charleroy, *University of Warwick*, and Katie Genadek, *University of Minnesota*, "Women in the Scientific Workplace: Life Course Experiences of Female Scientists in the Early Twentieth Century"

Alice Kuegler, *University of Cambridge*, "The Responsiveness of Inventing: Evidence from a Patent Fee Reform"

Barbara Biasi, *Stanford University*, and Petra Moser, *NYU*, "Effects of Copyrights on Science: Evidence from the World War II Book Republication Program"

WATER QUALITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Francisca Antman, *University of Colorado Boulder*, "For Want of a Cup: The Rise of Tea in England and the Impact of Water Quality on Economic Development"

Gisella Anne Kagy, *Vassar College*, "Economic Consequences of Childhood Exposure to Environmental Toxins: A Case Study of Lead Service Pipes in Massachusetts"

Anthony Wray, *Hitotsubashi University*, "Water Quality, Morbidity, and Mortality in London, 1906–1926"

RELIGION, INSTITUTIONS AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

Tomas Cvrcek, *University College London*, Miroslav Zajicek, *Vysoka skola ekonomicka v Praze*, "The Making of a Liberal Education: Political Economy of the Austrian School Reform, 1865–1875"

Noel Johnson, *George Mason University*, and Mark Koyama, *George Mason University*, "Jewish Communities and City Growth in Preindustrial Europe"

Jeremiah E. Dittmar, *LSE*, and Ralf R. Meisenzahl, *Federal Reserve Board*, "State Capacity and Public Goods: Institutional Change, Human Capital, and Growth in Early Modern Germany"

HEALTH AND NUTRITION

Karen Clay, *Carnegie Mellon*, Ethan Schmick, *University of Pittsburgh*, and Werner Troesken, *University of Pittsburgh*, "Nutrition and Southern Welfare: Evidence from the Boll Weevil and State Level Fortification Laws"

Stefan Bauernschuster, *University of Passau*, Anastasia Driva, *LMU Munich*, and Erik Hornung, *University of Bayreuth*, "Bismarck's Health Insurance and the Mortality Decline"

Richard Steckel, *Ohio State University*, "Sweet Blood: A New Peril of Rapid Economic Growth"

FINANCIAL CRISIS: CAUSES AND CONSEQUENCES

Fabio Braggion, *Tilburg University*, Alberto Manconi, *Tilburg University*, and Haikun Zhu, *Tilburg University*, "International Liquidity Shocks, the Real Economy, and Social Unrest: China, 1931–1935"

Erin McGuire, *University of Arizona*, "Estimating the Impact of Local Conditions during the Great Depression on Asset Preferences in Adulthood"

Eugene N. White, *Rutgers University*, "How to Prevent a Banking Panic: the Barings Crisis of 1890"

HUMAN CAPITAL AND INDUSTRIALIZATION

Alexandra de Pleijt, *LSE and Utrecht University*, Alessandro Nuvolari, *Sant' Anna School of Advanced Studies*, and Jacob Weisdorf, *University of Southern Denmark and CEPR*, "Human Capital Formation during the First Industrial Revolution: Evidence from the Use of Steam Engines"

Anton Howes, *King's College London*, "The Relevance of Skills to Innovation during the British Industrial Revolution, 1651–1851"

William Maloney, *World Bank*, and Felipe Valencia, *Bonn University*, "Engineers, Innovative Capacity and Development in the Americas"

LONG-RUN ECONOMIC GROWTH: MACRO AND MICRO PERSPECTIVES

Daniel Bernhofen, *American University*, and John C. Brown, *Clark University*, "Understanding the Gains from Trade through the Window of Japan during the Nineteenth-Century Globalization: Analysis of a Natural Experiment"

William Easterly, *NYU*, Laura Freschi, *NYU*, and Steven Pennings, *World Bank*, "A Long History of a Short Block: Four Centuries of Development Surprises on a Single Stretch of a New York City Street"

John Wallis, *University of Maryland*, and Stephen Broadberry, *Oxford University*, "Shrink Theory: The Nature of Long Run and Short Run Economic Performance"

PATRONAGE AND ADMINISTRATIVE CAPACITY

Morgan Henderson, *University of Michigan*, "Fewer Votes, Fewer Jobs? Patronage Employment and Immigrant Disenfranchisement, 1900–1930"

Andrea Papadia, *LSE*, "Fiscal Capacity, Tax Composition and the (in)Stability of Government Revenues in the Interwar Period"

Debin Ma, *LSE*, and Jared Rubin, *Chapman University*, "Weak Administrative Capacity as a Solution to Principal-Agent Problems in Tax Collection"

CULTURE AND SOCIAL NORMS

Andrew Dickens, *York University*, "Ethnolinguistic Favoritism in African Politics"

Sara Rachel Lowes, *Harvard University*, Nathan Nunn, *Harvard University*, James A. Robinson, *University of Chicago*, and Jonathan Weigel, *Harvard University*, "The Evolution of Culture and Institutions: Evidence from the Kuba Kingdom"

Yu Hao, *Peking University*, and Melanie Meng Xue, *UCLA Anderson School of Management*, "Friends from Afar: Migration, Cultural Proximity and Primary Schooling in the Lower Yangzi, 1850–1949"

POLITICAL DISORDER AND REVOLUTION

Mathias Iwanowsky, *Institute for International Economic Studies*, and Andreas Madestam, *Stockholm University*, "Surviving the Killing Fields: The Long Term Consequences of the Khmer Rouge"

John V. Nye, *George Mason University and NRU-HSE*, Maxym Bryukhanov, *NRU-Higher School of Economics*, Sergiy Polyachenko, *NRU-Higher School of Economics*, and Vasily Rusanov, *NRU-Higher School of Economics*, "Social Mobility in the Russia of Revolutions, 1850–2015: A Surname Study"

Craig Ogden Palsson, *Yale University*, "Land Markets and State Capacity in Haiti, 1928–1944"

INFRASTRUCTURE AND DEVELOPMENT

Jessica Bean, *Denison University*, Andrew J. Seltzer, *Royal Holloway, London*, and Jonathan Wadsworth, *Royal Holloway, London*, "The Impact of Commuting and Mass Transport on the London Labour Market: Evidence from the New Survey of London Life and Labour"

Joshua Lewis, *University of Montreal*, and Edson Severnini, *Carnegie Mellon University*, "The Value of Rural Electricity: Evidence from the Rollout of the U.S. Power Grid"

Eric Edwards, *Utah State University*, and Steven M. Smith, *Haverford College*, "The Role of Irrigation in the Development of American Agriculture"