THE SIXTH ASIAN HISTORICAL ECONOMICS CONFERENCE (AHEC 2018)

Date: September 21-22, 2018
Venue: Function Room 1&2, Level 3, Core E, Cyberport 3 & Le Méridien Ballroom, Hong Kong

Asian Historical Economics Society

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Faculty of Business and Economics, The University of Hong Kong
International Society for Quantitative History

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

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Session D3 Banking and Finance
Session D4 Ideology and Innovation in Economic History

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Session F2 Economic Shocks and Politics in Historical China
Session F3 Industrial and Agricultural Development of South Korea, 1950s-1970s

15:00-15:30  *Tea Break*

15:30-16:30  **Keynote Speech**
Yasheng Huang (MIT Sloan School of Management)

16:30-18:00  **Plenary Session: Research and Publication of New Economic History**
*Speakers:*
Kris Mitchener (Santa Clara University)
Debin Ma (London School of Economics and Political Science)
Zhiwu Chen (The University of Hong Kong)
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*Artificial Administrative Boundaries: Evidence from China*  
Pei Li (Xiamen University), Yi Lu (Tsinghua University), and **Tuan-Hwee Sng** (National University of Singapore)  

*Hierarchy and Regional Development: China, A.D., 1000-2000*  
**Ying Bai** (Chinese University of Hong Kong), and Ruixue Jia (University of California, San Diego)  

*State Capacity and Economic Development: Evidence from Transforming Local Governance in Late Imperial Southwest China*  
**Nan Li** (Shanghai University of Finance and Economics) and Youhong Lin (Guangdong University of Foreign Studies)  

Session A4  Financial Market in South and Southeast Asia  
Chair: **Andrew Sinclair** (The University of Hong Kong)  

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**Thanyaporn Chankrajang** (Chulalongkorn University)  

*Chinese Merchants and the Changing of Economic Life of Northeastern Region of Thailand during the Late 19th to Early 20th Centuries*  
**Pipu Boosabok** (Silpakorn University)  

*The Thai Military As a Business Group, 1957-2016*  
**Kanda Naknoi** (University of Connecticut)  

Session B2  Economic History of the Imperial Civil Examination  
Chair: **Ying Bai** (Chinese University of Hong Kong)  

*Family background influences on the careers of civil officials with examination degrees during the late Qing (1850-1912)*  
**Cameron Campbell** (Hong Kong University of Science and Technology)  

*The Short- and Long-Run Effects of Affirmative Action: Evidence from Imperial China*  
Yu Hao (Peking University) and **Melanie Meng Xue** (Northwestern
What Determines Intergenerational Transmission Channels? The Persistent Effects of China’s Civil Service Exam on Contemporary Social Mobility
Yining Geng (Universitat Pompeu Fabra)

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Access to Justice in Turkey
Ayça Akarçay (Galatasaray University) and Sezgin Polat (Galatasaray University)

Vietnam: The Economic Phoenix of Asia? Resilience to Shrinking in an Emerging Economy
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Ichiro Sugimoto (Soka University)

Institution, Discrimination, and Assimilation: Evidence from the Chinese Exclusion Act
Shuo Chen (Fudan University), and Bin Xie (Jinan University)

A View of the Occupational Structure in Imperial and Republican China (1640–1952)
Yongqin Guo (Guangdong University of Foreign Studies), Zipeng Zhang (Utrecht University), Bas van Leeuwen (International Institute of Social History, Amsterdam), and Yi Xu (Guangxi Normal University)

Session C2  Trade and Public Goods in Historical Japan
Chair: Tokihiko Settsu (Musashi University)

Private Provision of Lighthouses in Pre-Modern Japan
Kuniyoshi Saito (Meiji Gakuin University)

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Japan Industrial exports and Imperialism in East Asia 1912-1938
Alejandro Ayuso (Carlos III de Madrid)
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*Bring Down the Gentry: the Abolition of Exam, Local Governance and Anti-Gentry Rebellions, 1902-1911*
Yu Hao (Peking University), Zheng-Cheng Liu (Peking University), and Li-An Zhou (Peking University)

*Social Mobility in Pre-Industrial China: Reconsidering the “Ladder of Success” Hypothesis*
Qin Jiang (Shanghai Jiao Tong University) and James Kai-sing Kung (The University of Hong Kong)

*The Jesuits and Chinese Science*
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### Session D1: Disease and Development

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- *Was the Late Medieval Middle East Malthusian? Land Tenure, Labor Organization and Plagues in Egypt And Syria*
  - Mattia Fochesato (New York University Abu Dhabi)
- *The Biological Standards of Living in China during the Maoist period (1950-76)*
  - Roser Alvarez-Klee (University of Barcelona)
- *The Epidemic Consequence of Political Turmoil: Evidence from Malaria Outbreak in China’s Cultural Revolution*
  - Youhong Lin (Guangdong University of Foreign Studies)

### Session D2: Long-term Persistence

**Chair:** Melanie Meng Xue (Northwestern University)

- *Mandala Matters: Former Tributary States and Modern Civil Conflict in Thailand*
  - Christopher Paik (New York University Abu Dhabi) and Jessica Vechbanyongratana (Chulalongkorn University)
- *Pre-colonial Religious Institutions and Development: Evidence through a Military Coup*
  - Rinchan Ali Mirza (University of Namur) and Adeel Malik (University of Oxford)
- *“The Red and The Black” in the Twenty-First Century: Reexamination the Effect of Class Origin in Mao era on Contemporary Urban Chinese*
  - Shi Li (Beijing Normal University), Xiaoguang Ling (Nanjing University), and Zhaopeng Qu (Nanjing University)

### Session D3: Banking and Finance

**Chair:** Dan Li (Fudan University)

- *A Reanalysis of Estimated Interest Rate in Early Modern Japan: Loans for Domain Lords in Osaka*
  - Shuntaro Washizaki (Kyushu University)
- *Building a Web of Connections: The Interlocking Directorate Network of Chinese Banks During the Republic*
  - Lingyu Kong (University of Adelaide) and Florian Ploeckl (University of Adelaide)

### Session D4: Ideology and Innovation in Economic History

**Chair:** Cong Liu (Shanghai University of Finance and Economics)

- *Economic History and the Future of Innovation in China*
  - Stephen Morgan (University of Nottingham Ningbo China)
- *Fear and Envy as Ideological Motives for the Pursuit of Economic Growth*
David Mitch (University of Maryland, Baltimore County)

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Swords into Bank Shares: Finance, Conflict and Political Reform in Japan
Saumitra Jha (Stanford University), Kris Mitchener (Santa Clara University), and Masanori Takashima (Hitotsubashi University)

Reputation Building of a Nascent Government in Debt Financing: Lessons from the Bond Market in China, 1912-37
Dan Li (Fudan University) and Chun-Yu Ho (University at Albany)

War, Nationalism and the Rise of Communism in China
Ting Chen (Hong Kong Baptist University) and James Kung (The University of Hong Kong)

Session E2  Money and Market Integration  Training Room 1
Chair: Duol Kim (Myongji University)

Oversea Silver Inflow and the Price Revolution in Qing China: Empirical Evidence from 114 Prefectures of 12 Provinces, 1736-1911
Yumei Hu (Fudan University), Hongjun Zhao (Shanghai Normal University), and Jialiang Zhu (Xiamen University)

Seeds of American Industrialization: A New View From Economic Geography
Stephen Sun (Hitotsubashi Institute for Advanced Study)

Sources of Market Disintegration in 18th Century China
Daniel Bernhoffena (American University), Markus Eberhardt (University of Nottingham), Jianan Li (Xiamen University), and Stephen Morgan (University of Nottingham Ningbo China)

Session E3  Land Property Right  Training Room 2
Chair: Chiaki Moriguchi (Hitotsubashi University)

Active Land Markets Despite ‘Fuzzy’ Property Rights in Indonesia, 1920s-1930s
Yutaka Arimoto (Hitotsubashi University) and Pierre van der Eng (Australian National University & Tsinghua University)

Land Rights and the Limits on Government: Cross-Country Historical Evidence
Xiaoting Mai (The University of Hong Kong) and Chenggang Xu (Cheung Kong Graduate School of Business)

State Capacity, Cultural Legacy and Land Reform in 1950-52
Ningning Ma (Central University of Finance and Economics) and Wuyue You (Central University of Finance and Economics)
Session E4  Revisiting the Great Divergence Debate: New Explorations in Measuring the Economic Performance in Imperial China
Chair: Kaixiang Peng (Henan University)

*China, Europe and the Great Divergence: A Study in Historical National Accounting, 980-1850*
Stephen Broadberry (University of Oxford), Hanhui Guan (Peking University), and David Daokui Li (Tsinghua University)

*Long-term Changes in Late Imperial China’s Real Wages and GDP Per Capita, 1000-1900: A Reexamination and Reassessment*
William Guanglin Liu (Lingnan University), Kaixiang Peng (Henan University), and Dwight H. Perkins (Harvard University)

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*Frontier Development and Extraction in Peninsular Southeast Asia*
Montserrat Lopez Jerez (Lund University)

*Elites and the State: Public Goods Provision in the Grain Market in Eighteenth Century China*
Cong Liu (Shanghai University of Finance and Economics) and Se Yan (Peking University)

*Lucky To Have A Sister: The Effects of Unmarried Sister on Brother Outcomes in Qing China*
Feng Ding (Zhejiang University), Jinchuan Shi (Zhejiang University), and Bing Ye (Zhejiang University)

Session F2  Economic Shocks and Politics in Historical China
Chair: Stephen Broadberry (University of Oxford)

*Against Mother Nature? The Long-run Consequences of China’s Grand Canal*
Shuang Shi (The University of Hong Kong)

*Geopolitical Cycles in Imperial China: Climate Trigger or Nomad-Agricultural Culture Force?*
Qing Pei (Education University of Hong Kong)

*Natural Resource Shock and State Centralization in Southwest China, 1661-1735*
Jun Fang (The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology)

Session F3  Industrial and Agricultural Development of South Korea, 1950s-1970s
Chair: Hyunjoo Yang (Incheon National University)

*Manufacturing Revolutions: Industrial Policy and Networks in South Korea*
Nathan Lane (Monash University)
Reforestation in South Korea and Its Consequences
Min Young Seo (KDI School of Public Policy and Management)

South Korean Industrialization, Skill Demand, and Wage Premium:
Industry-level Evidence
Changkeun Lee (Yonsei University, Wonju Campus)

15:00-15:30 Tea Break
Seaview concourse

15:30-16:30 Keynote Speech
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The Longevity of Chinese Absolutism
Yasheng Huang (MIT Sloan School of Management) and Clair Yang
(University of Washington)

Moderator: Zhiwu Chen (The University of Hong Kong)

16:30-18:00 Plenary Session: Research and Publication of New Economic History
Function Room 1 & 2
Moderator: Debin Ma (London School of Economics and Political Science)

Publishing Articles in Economic History Journals — An Editor’s Perspective
Kris Mitchener (Santa Clara University)

Introduction to Cambridge Economic History of China
Debin Ma (London School of Economics and Political Science)

Update on Quantitative History
Zhiwu Chen (The University of Hong Kong)

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