THE SIXTH ASIAN HISTORICAL ECONOMICS CONFERENCE (AHEC 2018)

Date: September 21-22, 2018
Venue: Function Room 1&2, Level 3, Cyberport 3 & Le Méridien Hotel, 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

Friday, September 21, 2018 (Day One)

9:00-9:15  Registration

9:15-9:30  **Opening Remarks**
Zhiwu Chen (The University of Hong Kong)

9:30-10:30  **Keynote Speech**
James Kai-sing Kung (The University of Hong Kong)

10:30-11:00  *Tea Break*

11:00-12:30  **Parallel Sessions A**
Session A1  Wars and Development
Session A2  Human Capital and Labor Productivity
Session A3  Political Economy of Economic Development in China
Session A4  Financial Market in South and Southeast Asia

12:30-14:00  *Lunch*

14:00-15:30  **Parallel Sessions B**
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Session B2  Economic History of the Imperial Civil Examination
Session B3  Economic History of Eurasia

15:30-16:00  *Tea Break*

16:00-17:30  **Parallel Sessions C**
Session C1  Labor Market and Welfare
Session C2  Trade and Public Goods in Historical Japan
Session C3  Social Mobility and Human Capital in Late Imperial China

18:30-21:00  **Conference Dinner**
**Keynote Speech**
Y. C. Richard Wong (The University of Hong Kong)
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Session D3  Banking and Finance
Session D4  Ideology and Innovation in Economic History

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Session E2  Money and Market Integration
Session E3  Land Property Right
Session E4  Revisiting the Great Divergence Debate: New Explorations in Measuring the Economic Performance in Imperial China

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

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

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*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)

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*The Short- and Long-Run Effects of Affirmative Action: Evidence from Imperial China*  
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Andrés Calderón-Fernández (Universidad Iberoamericana Ciudad de México), Rafael Dobado-González (Universidad Complutense de Madrid), and Nadia Fernández de Pinedo (Universidad Autónoma de Madrid)

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Ayça Akarçay (Galatasaray University) and Sezgin Polat (Galatasaray University)

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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)

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Qin Jiang (Shanghai Jiao Tong University) and James Kai-sing Kung (The University of Hong Kong)

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Y. C. Richard Wong (The University of Hong Kong)

Moderator: Zhigang Tao (The University of Hong Kong)
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**David Mitch** (University of Maryland, Baltimore County)

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**Wars, Finance, and Political Change**

Chair: **Chicheng Ma** (The University of Hong Kong)

*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**

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 Bernhofena (American University), Markus Eberhardt (University of Nottingham), Jianan Li (Xiamen University), and **Stephen Morgan** (University of Nottingham Ningbo China)

**Session E3**  
**Land Property Right**

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*
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Chair: Kaixiang Peng (Henan University)  

*China, Europe and the Great Divergence: A Study in Historical National Accounting, 980-1850*

Stephen Broadberry (University of Oxford), Hanchui 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)  

12:30-13:30  Lunch  

13:30-15:00  Parallel Sessions F  

Session F1  Elites, Institutions, and Inequality  
Chair: Christopher Paik (New York University Abu Dhabi)  

*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)
Social Capital and Agricultural Productivity
Minyeong Seo (KDI School of Public Policy and Management)

South Korean Industrialization, Skill Demand, and Wage Premium: New Evidence and Perspectives at Granular Levels
Changkeun Lee (KDI School of Public Policy and Management)

15:00-15:30  Tea Break  Seaview concourse

15:30-16:30  Keynote Speech  Function Room 1 & 2

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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