

**ECONOMIC HISTORY SOCIETY
ANNUAL CONFERENCE
TREVELYAN COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF DURHAM
4 – 6 APRIL 2003**

PROVISIONAL CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

FRIDAY 4 APRIL 2003

- 0915-1045 Meeting of Economic History Society Publications Committee
- 1100-1400 Meeting of Economic History Society Council
- 1200-1800 Registration
- 1400-1530 **NEW RESEARCHERS SESSION I** (4 parallel sessions)
- IA: **ASPECTS OF EARLY COMMERCIALISATION**
The characteristics of creditors and debtors and the role of credit in the rural economy, c.1290-1380
Christopher Briggs (University of Cambridge) (chair: Richard Smith)
Merchant adventurer or Jack of all Trades? The Suffolk clothier in the 1460s
NR Amor (chair: tba)
Structural change in Scottish trade, 1597-1640
Jennifer Watson (University of Edinburgh) (chair: Ian Blanchard)
- IB: **EIGHTEENTH CENTURY ECONOMIC THOUGHT AND GOVERNMENT**
To have or to have not: state finance of the Swiss Republic of Berne in the 18th century
Stefan Altorfer (University of Berne) (chair: André Holenstein)
Luxury and economics in 18th century Britain and France: the cases of George Berkeley and Richard Cantillon
Scott Breuninger (Concordia College, USA) (chair: tba)
- IC: **IMPERIAL TRADE**
Financing business in the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, 1900-38
Simon Mollan (University of Durham) (chair: Ranald Michie)
Free trade and the pursuit of hegemony: imperial Britain in global rubber markets, 1860-1921
Emma Reisz (University of Cambridge) (chair: Martin Daunton)
- ID: **MARKETS STRUCTURE AND THE FIRM**
Demographic profile of clothing consumers: fashion and the mass consumer society in Britain, c.1950-2001
Shinobu Majima (University of Oxford) (chair: Avner Offer)
'British Leyland not keeping up with the Jones': the roles of market structure, competition and technology diffusion on product and firm survival in the UK car market, 1971-98
James Walker (London School of Economics) (chair: Peter Howlett)
Growing up bad: the MBA in Britain
Joanne Workman (University of Sussex) (chair: Pat Thane/Richard Roberts)
- 1530-1600 Tea

- 1600-1730 **NEW RESEARCHERS SESSION II** (5 parallel sessions)
- IIA: EARLY MODERN COMMUNITIES**
Marrying miners: population change and household formation in a Somerset coalmining community, 1700-1851
 Rhiannon Evans (University of Cambridge) (chair: Richard Smith)
Marriage processes in an English market town: Gainsborough, c.1566-1812
 Peter Kitson (University of Cambridge) (chair: Richard Smith)
The leather industry in early modern Macclesfield: the probate evidence
 Paul Knight (University of Liverpool) (chair: William Ashworth)
- IIB: POVERTY AND SOCIETY**
Clothing the poor, c.1580-1700
 Susan Mee (Roehampton Institute) (chair: Margaret Spufford)
'Not granted until you appear leaner': administrative corruption and the payment of rent by the old poor law in Bolton
 Robert Dryburgh (University of Oxford) (chair: Jane Humphries)
Means testing under the British Welfare State: did it narrow or widen social divisions?
 Lavinia Mitton (London School of Economics) (chair: Paul Johnson)
- IIC: INSANITY**
The criminal defence of insanity c.1660-1830
 David Adamson (University of St Andrews) (chair: Rab Houston)
Voluntarism, psychiatry and the social entrepreneur: RD Laing and the business of the sixties
 Ian Carthy (University of Glasgow) (chair: Malcolm Nicolson)
- IID: GOVERNMENT AND SOCIETY FROM THE LATER NINETEENTH CENTURY**
Government and the telephone patents in Britain and the United States, 1876-97
 Christopher Beauchamp (University of Cambridge) (chair: Martin Daunton)
Power networks in the British police and fire services, c.1870-1938
 Shane Ewen (University of Leicester) (chair: Richard Rodger)
Limited liability on trial: the commercial crisis of 1866 and its aftermath
 James Taylor (University of Kent) (chair: Hugh Cunningham)
- IIE: MODERN GROWTH OF SMALL ECONOMIES**
New perspectives on illegal markets: rationing currency as a tradable asset
 Ralf Futselaar (Netherlands Institute for War Documentation) (chair: tba)
The TFPG controversy and economic growth in Portugal in the postwar period, 1953-73
 Luciano Amaral (University of Lisbon) (chair: Jaime Reis)
With all diligence due: where did all the savings go? Singapore's investment pattern, 1965-99
 Greg Hopf (London School of Economics) (chair: Nick Crafts)
- 1730-1830 Open meeting for women in economic history
- 1815-1900 Council reception for new researchers and first-time delegates
- 1830-1900 Meeting of delegates from 'new' universities
- 1830-1900 Meeting of Conference Committee
- 1900-2015 Dinner
- 2030-2130 Plenary Lecture: Professor Sir Tony Wrigley
The Quest for the Industrial Revolution

Late bar available in *Trevelyan College*

SATURDAY 5 APRIL 2003

0800-0900 Breakfast (*provided in halls of residence*)

0900-1045 **ACADEMIC SESSION I** (5 parallel sessions)

IA: **PHYSIOLOGICAL STANDARD OF LIVING** (chair/convenor: TBA)

Net nutrition over the past millennium: methodology and some results for Northern Europe

Richard Steckel (Ohio State University)

The physical stature of the British in the 18th and 19th centuries: an international comparison

John Komlos (University of Munich)

Economic growth and living standards. The development of private consumer expenditure and food consumption in Belgium, 1800-1913

Yves Segers (K.U. Leuven)

IB: **MEDIEVAL INSTITUTIONS** (chair: Richard Britnell)

Money in 13th century England

Martin Allen (University of Cambridge)

Urban institutions in 13th century England

Derek Keene (University of London)

Lordship in the long 13th century

Phillipp Schofield (University of Wales, Aberystwyth)

IC: **LABOUR** (chair: Joachim Voth)

A tale of two labour markets: career mobility in the UK (1851-81) and US (1850-80)

Joseph Ferrie (Northwestern University) and Jason Long (Colby College)

Unemployment in the Golden Age, 1948-73

Timothy Hatton (University of Essex) and George Boyer (Cornell University)

ID: **CONTRACTING** (chair: Avner Offer)

Land and society in England, c.1700-1850

David Stead (University of York)

From court to prospectus: company law and its use in Victorian Britain

Wade Shilts (Luther College, Decorah, IA)

Puzzles in the economic institutions of capitalism: the contractual nature of Irish industrialisation

Graham Brownlow (Dublin City University) and Frank Geary (University of Ulster)

Executive rewards and firm performance: the case of large German banks, 1854-1910

Carsten Burhop (Bonn University)

IE: **WORKING WOMEN** (chair: Pat Hudson)

The wages and employment of female day-labourers in agriculture, 1750-1850

Joyce Burnette (Wabash College)

Bucking the trend: business widows in northern France in the 19th century

Beatrice Craig (University of Ottawa)

A respectable business: women and self-employment in 19th century London

Alison (Parkinson) Kay (University of Oxford)

1045-1115 Coffee

- 1115-1300 **ACADEMIC SESSION II** (5 parallel sessions)
- IIA: **CHILD LABOUR I** (convenors/chairs: Katrina Honeyman and Jane Humphries)
How many children were 'unemployed' in 18th and 19th century Britain?
Peter Kirby (University of Manchester)
Nutrition, efficiency wage and child labour: a re-examination of evidence from 19th century United States
V Bhaskar (University of Essex) and Bishnupriya Gupta (University of Warwick)
Pauper apprenticeship and the market for child labour in the later 18th century
Katrina Honeyman (University of Leeds)
Child labour in the industrial revolution
Jane Humphries (University of Oxford)
- IIB: **CONSUMPTION** (chair: Susan Bowden)
Tradable amusements: the integration of entertainment markets in the western world, 1776-1940
Gerben Bakker (London School of Economics)
'A devil's bargain': work, wages and in-port spending in the 19th century British Merchant Marine
Valerie Burton (Memorial University of Newfoundland)
Estonian moonshine in the 1940s. The story of an illegal cottage industry
Olaf Mertelsmann (University of Hamburg)
- IIC: **MEDIEVAL SETTLEMENT** (chair: TBA)
The chronology and consequences of assarting and drainage on the Kentish estates of Canterbury Cathedral Priory and St Augustine's Abbey in the 12th and 13th centuries
Andrew Butcher (University of Kent)
The creation and development of moorland farms: the Bishops and Wasteland colonisation in Co. Durham in the 12th-14th centuries
Simon Harris (University of Durham)
The peasant land market and the dynamics of assart holdings on the Bishop of Winchester estates, 1263-1415
John Mullan (University of Durham)
- IID: **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** (chair: TBA)
Wages, prices and economic development in Europe and Asia, 1500-1800
Stephen Broadberry and Bishnupriya Gupta (University of Warwick)
Wealth, social structure and economic growth: Brazil in the Atlantic World, 1815-60
Zephyr Frank (Stanford University)
The economic progress of French Canadians in 20th century Canada
Chris Minns (Trinity College Dublin)
- III: **FINANCIAL INSTABILITY** (chair: Ranald Michie)
Financial instability in late 19th century Italy: historical patterns and theoretical views
Paolo di Martino (University of Bristol)
Why was stock price volatility so high during the great depression?
Hans-Joachim Voth (Universitat Pompeu Fabra)
- 1300-1400 Lunch
- 1315-1700 FIELD TRIPS (OPTIONAL)**
1: Beamish: The North of England Open Museum
2: Newcastle upon Tyne, including Guildhall, Trinity House, Castle Keep
3: Darlington, including Darlington Railway Centre and Museum
- 1415-1545 Meeting of Schools and Colleges Committee

- 1415-1600 **ACADEMIC SESSION III** (3 parallel sessions)
- IIIA: **PRE-INDUSTRIAL BUSINESS** (chair: Regina Grafe)
The Mande Equilibrium: traders, smiths and states in medieval West Africa
Wolfram Latsch (Northwestern University)
The Borromei family as international bankers in the late 14th and 15th centuries
Jim Bolton and FG Bruscoli (Queen Mary, University of London)
Was investment in slave trade and other long distance trades profitable in 18th century France?
Guillaume Daudin (London School of Economics)
The finance of the Dutch East India trade and the rise of the Amsterdam capital market, 1595-1612
Oscar Gelderblom and Joost Jonker (Utrecht University)
- IIIB: **NINETEENTH CENTURY DYNAMICS** (chair: TBA)
Reassessing pre-First World War military spending: the role of the great powers in the international system, 1870-1913
Jari Eloranta (Universities of Jyväskylä and Warwick)
Local and regional investment patterns in the late Victorian shipping industry
Graeme Milne (University of Newcastle)
Structural change and productivity growth in Austria-Hungary, 1870-1913
Max-Stephan Schulze (London School of Economics)
- IIIC: **BANKING** (chair: TBA)
The trading of unlimited liability bank shares in 19th century Ireland: the Bagehot Hypothesis
John Turner and Charles Hickson (Queen's University of Belfast)
Bank response during the American Civil War
Paul Auerbach (Kingston University) and Michael Hauptert (University of Wisconsin La Crosse)
The effects of branching on bank competition and financial stability
Kris Mitchener (Santa Clara University) and Mark Carlson (Federal Reserve System)

1600-1630 Tea

1630-1730 Launch of the Economic History Society's re-designed website

1730-1830 Annual General Meeting of the Economic History Society

1930-2000 Conference Reception

2000 **CONFERENCE DINNER**

Late bar available in **Trevelyan College**

SUNDAY 6 APRIL 2003

0800-0900 Breakfast (*provided in halls of residence*)

0915-1115 **ACADEMIC SESSION IV** (5 parallel sessions)

IVA **ECONOMIC THOUGHT**(convenors/chairs: Keith Tribe and Pat Hudson)

American institutionalism and its British connections

Malcolm Rutherford (University of Victoria)

Panel of commentators: Mary Marshall (London School of Economics), Jim Tomlinson (Brunel University), Roger Middleton (University of Bristol), Keith Tribe (King's School, Worcester)

IVB: **CAPITAL AND INDUSTRY** (Women's Committee Session) (convenor/chair: Catherine Schenk)

Capital markets, women and economic growth, 1720-25

Ann Carlos (University of Colorado) and Larry Neal (University of Illinois)

Did industry 'fail' the City? Observations from the inter-war years

Susan Bowden (University of Sheffield)

The stock market as a source of cash for the US industrial corporation in the 20th century

Mary O'Sullivan (INSEAD)

IVC: **FISH AND FASTING** (convenor/chair: Nuala Zahedieh)

Delicious fasts? Fish days, faith and finance in early modern England

Sara Pennell (Institute of Historical Research)

Fasting and the fish trade in Iberia in the early modern period

Regina Grafe (London School of Economics)

Charity, consumption and abstinence in early modern England

Steve Hindle (University of Warwick)

IVD: **PRODUCTIVITY** (chair: Nick Crafts)

The importance of coal in the industrial revolution

David Jacks and Gregory Clark (University of California, Davis)

'Unravelling the duty': Lean's Engine Reporter and the dynamics of innovation in Cornish steam engines

Alessandro Nuvolari and Bart Verspagen (Eindhoven University of Technology)

Growth in a protectionist environment: output and productivity trends in the Portuguese economy, 1870-1950

Pedro Lains (University of Lisbon)

Episodes in catching up: French relative to British industrial performance on the eve of the Great Depression of the 1930s

Jean-Pierre Dormois (Université de Montpellier III)

IVE: **CHILD LABOUR II**(convenor/chair: Jon Moen)

The role of child labour in industrialisation

Carolyn Tuttle (Lake Forest College) and Simone Wegge (City University of New York)

Babes in bondage: parental selling of children to finance family migration, the case of German migration to America, 1720-1820

Farley Grubb (University of Delaware)

European immigrants and child labour in the United States, 1880-1920

Jon Moen (University of Mississippi) and Brian Gratton (Arizona State University)

1115-1145 Coffee

1145-1300 **TAWNEY LECTURE**

Professor Deirdre McCloskey

Bourgeois Virtue

1300-1400 Lunch

1400 Conference ends