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**SESSION 1: THE LEGACY OF SLAVERY AND DISCRIMINATION**

Richard Baker, *The College of New Jersey*, “Race, Family Background, and Educational Attainment in the Early Twentieth-Century South”


**SESSION 2: FAMILY PLANNING AND FERTILITY**


**SESSION 3: FORCED LABOR AND THE AFRICAN ECONOMY**

Kara Dimitruk, *Stellenbosch University*, and Johan Fourie, *Stellenbosch University*, “Local and Central State Capacity in the British Cape Colony”


**SESSION 4: THE EFFECT SOCIAL STRUCTURE AND COLONIAL POLICY IN INDIA**

Tamoghna Halder, *University of California, Davis*, “Caste, Reservation Policy and Social Mobility in India”

Latika Chaudhary, *Naval Postgraduate School*, and James Fenske, *University of Warwick*, “Did Railways Affect Literacy? Evidence from India”

Dan Bogart, *University of California, Irvine*, and Marco Del Angel, *University of California, Irvine*, “Governments and the Performance of the English East India Company”
SESSION 5: MEASURING INNOVATION AND THE EFFECTS OF TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE

Alessandro Nuvolari, Sant’Anna School of Advanced Studies, Valentina Tartari, Copenhagen Business School, and Matteo Tranchero, University of California, Berkeley, “Patterns of Innovation During the Industrial Revolution: A Reappraisal Using Composite Indicators of Patent Quality”


Daniela Vidart, University of California, San Diego, “Household Vintages: Lifecycle Rigidities and the Effects of Electrification”

SESSION 6: MIGRATION AND LABOR MARKETS IN SOUTH AMERICA

Santiago Perez, University of California, Davis, “Southern (American) Hospitality: Italians in Argentina and the United States During the Age of Mass Migration”


Amanda Guimbeau, Brandeis University, Nidhiya Menon, Brandeis University, and Aldo Musacchio, Brandeis University, “The 1918 Influenza Pandemic in Brazil: Human Capital Formation and Labor Market Consequences”

SESSION 7: GOVERNMENT AND MARKET RESPONSES TO URBAN AND REGIONAL CHANGE

D’Maris Coffman, University College London, Judy Stephenson, University College London, and Nathan Sussman, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, “Financing the Rebuilding of the City of London after the Great Fire of 1666”

James Siodla, Colby College, and Samara Gunter, Colby College, “Local Origins and Implications of the 1930s Urban Debt Crisis”

Michael Poyker, Columbia University, and Sebastian Ottinger, University of California, Los Angeles, “A Silver Lining to the Decay of the Rust Belt?”

SESSION 8: THE ROLE OF THE SOCIAL SAFETY NET IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND UNITED STATES

Philipp Jaeger, RWI Essen, and Matthias Giesecke, RWI Essen, “Pension Incentives and Labor Force Participation: Evidence from the Introduction of Universal Old-Age Assistance in the United Kingdom”


SESSION 9: GROWTH AND THE EMERGENCE OF INDUSTRIAL CLUSTERS


Shawn Kantor, *Florida State University*, and Alex Whalley, *University of Calgary*, “Space Race: Automation Innovation and Labor’s Share”

SESSION 10: INSTITUTIONAL CHANGES IN BRITAIN SINCE THE GREAT DIVERGENCE

Alfonso Carballo-Perez, *Bocconi University*, “Identifying the Origins of the Great Divergence in Europe: Rare Events, Outbreaks of the Social Revolts and Divergence in Labor Institutions”

Pamfili Antipa, *Sciences Po*, “Charity Begins at Home: Why Britain Resumed the Gold Standard after the French Wars”


SESSION 11: STATE CAPACITY AND ECONOMIC POLICY IN ASIA OVER THE LONG RUN

Joy Chen, *Stanford University*, “State Formation and Bureaucratization: Evidence from Pre-Imperial China”


SESSION 12: INSTITUTIONS AND CONSEQUENCES OF WESTERN SETTLEMENT


Aparna Howlader, *University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign*, “Short- and Long-Term Environmental Consequences of Farmland Conservation Programs: Historical Evidence from the Great Plains, 1930-1980”
SESSION 13: THE EVOLUTION OF BANKS AND FINANCIAL MARKETS

Fabrizio Marodin, *University of California, Irvine*, “The Credit Boom in Loans to Brokers and Stock Prices Fluctuations in the 1920s”


SESSION 14: THE POLITICAL ECONOMY OF INTERWAR PERIOD


SESSION 15: THE TECHNOLOGY AND POLITICAL ECONOMY OF CULTURAL CHANGE


SESSION 16: INFRASTRUCTURE AND LAND ASSEMBLY


José Antonio Espín-Sánchez, *Yale University*, and Santiago Truffà, *Tulane University*, “Playing Checkers in Chinatown”

SESSION 17: RACE, ETHNICITY, AND MOBILITY

Shariq Mohammed, University of Michigan, and Paul Mohnen, University of Michigan, “Rosenwald Schools and the Intergenerational Mobility of Blacks and Whites: Evidence from North Carolina”

Zachary Ward, Baylor University, “Intergenerational Mobility in American History: Accounting for Race and Measurement Error”

Christian Dippel, University of California, Los Angeles, and Dustin Frye, Vassar College, “The Effect of Land Allotment on Native American Households During the Assimilation Era”

SESSION 18: INSTITUTIONAL CHANGE:
GENERAL RULES, BANKING AND ANTITRUST

Naomi Lamoreaux, Yale University, and John Wallis, University of Maryland, College Park, “Adopting and Enforcing General Laws in the United States, 1830 to 1880”

Eric Hilt, Wellesley College, and Katharine Liang, Northwestern University, “Andrew Jackson’s Bank War and the Panic of 1837”