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**Friday, 23 May (Friends’ Hall, Huntington)**

1:00-2:45  **New Perspectives on the Economics of Russian Serfdom**

*Democracy in under the Tsars? The Case of the Zemstvo*
Steven Nafziger (Williams College)
Discussant: Dan Bogart (UC Irvine)

*Contract Enforcement in Russian Serf Society*
Tracy Dennison (Caltech)
Discussant: Naomi Lamoreaux (UCLA)

2:45-3:00  **BREAK**

3:00-4:45  **Matching and Mobility**

*Marrying Up: The Role of Sex Ratio in Marriage by Class*
Ran Abramitzky (Stanford University), Adeline Delavand (Universidade Nova de Lisboa and RAND) & Luís Vasconcelos (Universidade Nova de Lisboa)
Discussant: Gilles Postel-Vinay (EHESS)

*Competition in the Promised Land: Black Migration and Racial Wage Convergence in the North, 1940-1970*
Leah Platt Boustan (UCLA)
Discussant: John Majewski (UC Santa Barbara)

5:30  **RECEPTION: Garden Terrace at the Huntington**
Saturday, 24 May (Friends’ Hall, Huntington)

8:00-8:30  Continental Breakfast

8:30-10:15  External Resources and Economic Growth

*Politics of Patent Reform and Transfer of Technology for Industrial Development and Agricultural Advancement: The Case of Argentina, 1920s*
Yovanna Pineda (St. Michael’s College)
Discussant: Gary Richardson (UC Irvine)

*Foreign Capital and Economic Growth in the First Era of Globalization*
Michael Bordo (Rutgers) and Christopher Meissner (UC Davis)
Discussant: Kris Mitchener (Santa Clara)

10:30-12:15  Steeples, Minarets, and the Market: Christianity and Islam in Economic Perspective

*Interest Bans, Impersonal Exchange, and Endogenous Institutional Change in Islam and Christianity*
Jared Rubin (Cal State Fullerton)
Discussant: Bin Wong (UCLA)

*Luther and Suleyman*
Murat Iyigun (University of Colorado)
Discussant: Latika Chaudhary (Stanford)

12:15-1:45  LUNCH: Garden Terrace at the Huntington
Steering Committee Meeting

2:00-4:30  Finance and Development on Both Sides of the Atlantic

*The Old Economics of Information and the Remarkable Persistence of Traditional Credit Markets in France, 1740-1899*
Philip Hoffman (Caltech), Gilles Postel-Vinay (INRA-EHESS) & Jean-Laurent Rosenthal (Caltech)
Discussant: Kirsten Wandschneider (Occidental)

*Wall Street’s First Corporate Governance Crisis: The Conspiracy Trials of 1826*
Eric Hilt (Wellesley College)
Discussant: William Summerhill (UCLA)

*The Politics of Financial Development: Evidence from New World Economies*
Stephen Haber (Stanford University)
Discussant: Timothy Guinnane (Yale)
6:00 CONFERENCE DINNER: Garden Terrace at the Huntington

Sunday, 25 May (at Caltech, Dabney Lounge)

8:00 Continental Breakfast

8:30-10:15 Determinants of Long-term Underperformance in Africa

_Guns-For-Slaves: The 18th Century British Slave Trade in Africa_
Warren Whatley (Michigan)
Discussant: Roger Ransom (UC Riverside)

_Population, Technology, and Economic Development in the African Past_
Javier Birchenal (UCSB)
Discussant: Peter Lindert (UC Davis)

10:15-10:30 BREAK

10:30-12:15 Origins and Consequences of Regulation in the United States

_The Battles against Animal Diseases: Science, Policy, and the Origins of Economic Regulation in the United States_
Alan Olmstead (UC Davis) & Paul Rhode (Arizona)
Discussant: Jean-Laurent Rosenthal (Caltech)

_Effects of Occupational Licensing Laws on Minorities: Evidence from the Progressive Era_
Marc Law (University of Vermont) & Mindy Marks (UC Riverside)
Discussant: Petra Moser (Stanford)