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# BIG COUNTERFACTUALS OF MACRO-POLITICAL HISTORY

Arthur Lewis Lab Conference #2

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Room GA.056

Engineering Building A

## Keynote lectures

James Robinson (University of Chicago)

Walter Scheidel (Stanford University)

Conference organizers: Guillaume Blanc, Adrian Nicholas Gachet and Nuno Palma



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Event Programme	
8:30	Welcome & coffee
9:00	Keynote lecture: <b>James Robinson (Chicago)</b> - The African World Order
Session 1: Nations	
10:05	<b>Sebastian Ottinger (CERGE-EI)</b> - The American Origin of the French Revolution - with Lukas Rosenberger (Northwestern)
10:30	<b>Guillaume Blanc (Manchester)</b> - French - with Masahiro Kubo (Brown)
10:55	<b>Lydia Assouad (LSE)</b> - Charismatic Leaders and Nation-Building
11:20	Break
Session 2: States	
11:30	<b>Daniel Bogart (Irvine)</b> - Justices of the Peace: Legal Foundations of the Industrial Revolution - with Tim Besley (LSE), Jonathan Chapman (Bologna), Nuno Palma (Manchester)
11:55	<b>Giorgio Chiovelli (Montevideo)</b> - Bourbon Reforms and State Capacity in the Spanish Empire - with Leopoldo Fergusson (Los Andes), Luis R. Martínez (Chicago), Juan David Torres (Stanford), Felipe Valencia Caicedo (UBC)
12:20	<b>Gérard Roland (Berkeley)</b> - A Theory of Power Structure and Institutional Compatibility: China vs. Europe Revisited - with Ruixue Jia (UCSD) and Yang Xie (Riverside)
12:45	Lunch and coffee
Session 3: Change	
13:45	<b>Albrecht Ritschl (LSE)</b> - Seniority Reversals and Endogenous Sudden Stops: Some Transfer Problem Dynamics - with Tai-Kuang Ho (NTU)
14:10	<b>Felix Kersting (Humboldt)</b> - Industrialization, returns, inequality - with Thilo N. H. Albers (Humboldt) and Timo Stieglitz (Humboldt)
14:35	<b>Paul Bouscasse (Cambridge)</b> - When Did Growth Begin? New Estimates of Productivity Growth in England from 1250 to 1870 - with Emi Nakamura (Berkeley), Jón Steinsson (Berkeley)
15:00	<b>James Fenske (Warwick)</b> - The Columbian Exchange and Conflict in Asia - with Mark Dincecco (Michigan) and Anil Menon (Michigan)
15:25	Break
Session 4: Persistence	
15:40	<b>Thilo R. Huning (York)</b> - Identity, Instability, and Investors An Empirical Investigation of the Home Bias - with Fabian Wahl (Hohenheim)
16:05	<b>Sebastian Ellingsen (Bristol)</b> - Long-Distance Trade and Long-Term Persistence
16:30	<b>Max Posch (Exeter)</b> - Innovation, WEIRD Psychology and the spread of the Church - with Joe Henrich (Harvard), Slava Savitskiy (Harvard), Jonathan Schultz (GMU)
17:00	Keynote lecture: <b>Walter Scheidel (Stanford)</b> - Without Europe: A Maximal Counterfactual
18:00	Drinks and dinner at Peace Garden Restaurant

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