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The Arthur Lewis Lab
for Comparative Development

QUANTIFYING THE LONG RUN HISTORY OF AFRICA

Arthur Lewis Lab Conference #4

October 27, 2023

Council Chamber

October 28, 2023

University Place, 2.219

Opening address

Leigh Gardner (LSE)

Keynotes lectures

Jutta Bolt (Groningen)

Marlous van Waijenburg (Harvard)

Leonard Wantchekon (Princeton)

Jacob Weisdorf (Sapienza)

Closing address

Gareth Austin (Cambridge)

Conference organisers:

Helder Carvalho, Jordi Caum-Julio and Nuno Palma



**Economic
and Social
Research Council**

Day 1 (October 27) (Whitworth Hall Council Chamber)

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| 9.00h - 10.00h | Opening address | Leigh Gardner (LSE) - How was power shared in colonial Africa? The many constitutions of the British empire |
| 10.00h - 11.00h | Session 1 | Hélder Carvalho (Manchester) - Living Standards in Angola, 1760-1975 (with Nuno Palma) Soeren Henn (Newcastle) - Missionary Activity, Education, and Long-run Political Development: Evidence from Africa (with Horacio Larreguy and Carlos Schmidt-Padilla) |
| 11.00h - 11.20h | Break | |
| 11.20h - 12.20h | Keynote lecture | Leonard Wantchekon (Princeton) - Externalities of Colonial Schools: Evidence from Benin and Nigeria |
| 12.30h - 13.30h | Lunch | |
| 13.30h - 14.30h | Roundtable | African inequality in the long run – Soeren Henn (Newcastle), Ellen Hillbom (Lund) and Calumet Links (Stellenbosch) |
| 14.30h - 16.00h | Session 2 | Rebecca Simson (Oxford) - Kenya's wealth-holders in historical perspective Calumet Links (Stellenbosch) - Early-modern Globalization and the Extent of Indigenous Agency: Trade, Commodities, and Ecology Nuno Palma (Manchester) - African slavery and the reckoning of Brazil (with Guilherme Lambais) |
| 16.00h - 16.30h | Break | |
| 16.30h - 17.30h | Keynote lecture | Marlous van Waijenburg (Harvard) - Quantitative approaches and shifting frontiers in African labor history |

Day 2 (October 28) (University Place 2.219)

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| 9.00h - 10.00h | Keynote lecture | Jacob Weisdorf (Sapienza) - The stifling impact of ethnic-related issues on aid effectiveness: evidence from Christian missionary activities in Africa |
| 10.00h - 11.00h | Session 3 | Guilherme Lambais (Lisboa – ICS) - The economic contribution of freed slave returnees: Evidence from the godfathering networks of the Agudas in 19th century Benin (with Leonard Wantchekon) Marvin Suesse (TCD) - Decolonization and Fiscal Capacity: Event Study Evidence from Africa (with Dhammika Dharmapala) |
| 11.00h - 11.20h | Break | |
| 11.20h - 12.20h | Keynote lecture | Jutta Bolt (Groningen) - The Expansion of Colonial Healthcare in Twentieth Century British Africa |
| 12.30h - 13.30h | Lunch | |
| 13.30h - 14.30h | Roundtable | Has history condemned Africa to be poor? – Stephen Broadberry (Oxford), Pablo Fernández-Cebrián (Wageningen) and Rebecca Simson (Oxford) |
| 14.30h - 16.00h | Session 4 | Ellen Hillbom (Lund) - Wage developments in colonial Kenya: How did the Africans fare? (with Valeria Lukkari) Zhexun Mo (PSE) - Soldiers versus Laborers: Legacies of Colonial Military Forced Labor in Mali (with Marion Richard and Ismaël Yacoubou Djima) Leandro de Magalhaes (Bristol) - A village-centric agricultural economy with investment in social connections, not assets: interviews with Yao chiefs from Southern Malawi and parallels with other societies in Africa (with Tayamika Kamwanja and Raül Santaaulàlia-Llopis) |
| 16.00h - 16.30h | Break | |
| 16.30h - 17.30h | Closing address | Gareth Austin (Cambridge) - Achievements, Problems and Opportunities in the Quantitative Economic History of Sub-Saharan Africa |