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Arthur Lewis Lab Conference #7

November 14th, 2025

Council Chamber
Whitworth Building

Keynote Speaker
Barry Eichengreen (UC Berkely)

Workshop organizers: Nuno Palma and Yuzuru Kumon

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9.00-9.30	Paper 1: Sabrina Di Addario (Bank of Italy): Women inventors: the legacy of medieval guilds (with Michela Giorcelli and Agata Maida)
9.00-9.30	Paper 2: Yuzuru Kumon (University of Manchester): Gendered labor and structural transformation (with Erika Igarashi)
10.00-10.30	Paper 3: Guilherme Lambais (Lusíada University): African Slavery and the Reckoning of Brazil (with Nuno Palma)
10.30-11.00	Coffee break
11.00-11.30	Paper 4: K. Kivanc Karaman (Bogaziçi University): Global Patterns of Market Integration from the Early Modern Era to the Twentieth Century (with Yavuz Selim Kaçmaz)
11.30-12.00	Paper 5: James Fenske (University of Warwick): A Century of Language Barriers to Migration in India (with Latika Chaudhary and Yannick Dupraz)
12.00-12.30	Paper 6: Xizi Luo (University of Manchester), Enlightenment Under Autocracy: The Origins of Liberalism in China (Melanie Xue)
12.30-14.00	Lunch break
14.00-15.00	Keynote: Barry Eichengreen (UC-Berkeley): International Currencies: Past, Present and Future
15.00-15.30	Coffee break
15.30-16.00	Paper 7: Pim de Zwart (Wageningen University), The Sweet and Bitter Divide: Commodity Exports and Wage Inequality in Colonial Java (with Mark Hup)
16.00-16.30	Paper 8: Omer Moav (University of Warwick): Can a Grain of Patience Trigger Cooperation? The Role of an Outside Option (with Luigi Pascali, Ady Pauzner)
16.30-17.00	Paper 9: Meng Wu (University of Manchester), The Financial Revolution in Republican China: The Case of Indirect Issuance of Banknotes, 1905-1936
17.00 – 18.00	Free break
18.00	Drinks & dinner at Christie’s

