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Arthur Lewis Lab Conference #7

November 14th, 2025

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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

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9.00-9.30	Paper 1: Yuchen Lin (University of Warwick), The U.S. Origins of Chinese Science. Discussant: Xizi Luo (University of Manchester).
9.30-10.00	Paper 2: Xiaoyun Tang (King's College London), Panic Without Failure? Public Anxiety in 1930s China. Discussant: Xiaobing Wang (University of Manchester).
10.00-10.30	Paper 3: Yaroslav Prokhorskoi (ESSEC), Beneath the Ban of Abortion: Evidence from the USSR (with Sultan Mehmood and Hosny Zoaby). Discussant: Harry Pickard (Newcastle University).
10.30-11.00	Coffee break
11.00-11.30	Paper 4: Emiliano Salas Aron (University of Buenos Aires), Between structural changes and the international market flows: rural inequality in Argentina during the First Globalization (1895-1914). Discussant: Barry Eichengreen (UC-Berkeley).
11.30-12.00	Paper 5: Felix Schaff (Utrecht University), Before the U-Curve: Intra-Family Roots of Preindustrial Gender Inequality (with Sheilagh Ogilvie). Discussant: Yuzuru Kumon (University of Manchester).
12.00-12.30	Paper 6: Florentine Friedrich (LSE), In the Crossfire: The Consequences of Church-State Competition in 19th France. Discussant: Brian Varian (Newcastle University).
12.30-14.00	Lunch break
14.00-14.30	Paper 7: Ana Laura Catelén (Carlos III), Are all business cycles alike? A study of Argentine large economic recessions in the long 20th century (1880-2020), with Esteban Alberto Nicolini Alessi. Discussant: Álvaro Matias (Lusíada University).
14.30-15.00	Paper 8: Cihang Wan (University of Manchester), Faith, Medicine, and Fear: Plague and the Uneven Spread of Missionary Hospitals in China. Discussant: James Fenske (University of Warwick).
15.00-15.30	Coffee break
15.30 -16.00	Paper 9: Eric Wilhelm (Wabash College), Craft Guilds & City Growth (with Noel Johnson). Discussant: K. Kivanc Karaman (Bogaziçi University).
16.00 – 18.00	Free break
18.00	Dinner at Zouk