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ECONOMIC HISTORY ASSOCIATION MEETING

The forty-ninth annual meeting of the Economic History Association will be held in Washington, D. C., Friday-Sunday, September 22-24, 1989. The preliminary program follows:

Finance Lessons from History

Robert B. Barsky, University of Chicago, and J. Bradford DeLong, Harvard University, "Why Have Stock Prices Fluctuated?"

Charles Calomiris, Northwestern University, "The Purpose and Optimal Structure of Deposit Insurance: Lessons from the Historical Record."

Wages, Output, and Macroeconomic Instability

Peter Temin, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, "Wage Policy in the Recovery from the Great Depression."

William Sundstrom, Santa Clara University, "Cyclical Labor-Market Adjustments in Ohio Manufacturing, 1892–1910."

John A. James, University of Virginia, "Economic Instability in Nineteenth-Century America."

Jeffrey A. Miron, University of Michigan, and Christina D. Romer, University of California at Berkeley, "A New Monthly Index of Industrial Production and Its Implications for Prewar Macroeconomic History."

Agriculture and the State

Barbara Sands, University of Arizona, "Incidence of Famine in Chinese History: A Perspective on the Political Aspects of the Great Leap Forward."

Ruth Dupré, Ecole des Hautes Etudes Commerciales, Montreal, "Agricultural Policy in Quebec, Phase I: 1867–1930."

Robert C. Graham, University of North Carolina, "Allocative Efficiency in Agricultural Production: Farmer Behavior in Illinois, 1928–1939."

Sally Clarke, University of Texas at Austin, "New Deal Regulation and the Farm Crisis of the 1980s."

International Loans: Past Due

Steven B. Webb, World Bank, "Comparing Latin American Debt Today with German Reparations after World War I."

William Darity, Jr., University of North Carolina, "Cuba's External Debt before and after the Revolution."

Richard Kohl, University of Connecticut, "The Historical Origins of the 1982 Debt Crisis."

Sources of Invention

Richard J. Sullivan, University of Colorado at Boulder, "The Revolution of Ideas: Widespread Patenting and Invention during the English Industrial Revolution."

Kenneth Sokoloff and Zorina Khan, University of California at Los Angeles, "Local and Individual Effects on Inventive Activity: Evidence from the Period of Early American Industrialization, 1790–1846."

Ross Thomson, New School for Social Research, "Crossover Inventors as a Source for Technological Convergence."

PANEL: *TEXTBOOKS AND READERS IN THE TEACHING OF ECONOMIC HISTORY*

Medieval Banking and Investment

Thomas Blomquist, University of Northern Illinois, "The International Banker at Home: Investment and the Preservation of Merchant Capital in Thirteenth-Century Lucca."

James H. Murray, University of Cincinnati, "Cloth, Finance, and Banking in Medieval Bruges."

Rethinking the Economic Crisis of Old-Regime France

Liana Vardi, McGill University, "Re-Examining Proto-Industrial Crises: Credit and Expansion in the Cambrésis, 1770–1789."

Judith A. Miller, Emory University, "Rethinking Urban Provisioning Crises: Municipal Bread Prices in Northern France."

David R. Weir, Yale University, "Was There a Malthusian Crisis at the End of the Old Regime?"

Shorter Hours!

Jeremy Atack, University of Illinois at Urbana, and Fred Bateman, Indiana University, "How Long Did People Work in the Second Half of the Nineteenth Century?"

Martha Shiells, Center for Naval Analysis, "Hours Reduction in the British and U.S. Iron and Steel Industries, 1890–1923."

Robert Whaples, University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee, "The Great Decline in the Length of the Workweek, 1890–1920."

Economic Thought and Policy in Twentieth-Century America

Michael Bernstein, University of California at San Diego, "Modern American Economics and Public Policy: From the Great War to the Great Depression."

Ann Mari May, University of Nebraska at Lincoln, "President Eisenhower, Economic Policy, and the 1960 Presidential Election."

American Economic Performance

Naomi Lamoreaux, Brown University, "Institutional Form and Economic Performance: New England Banking in the Late Nineteenth Century."

Gavin Wright, Stanford University, "American Industrial Performance in a World Context."

The dissertation session will be chaired by Philip T. Hoffman, California Institute of Technology, and by Roger L. Ransom, University of California at Riverside.

TENTH INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC HISTORY CONGRESS

The Tenth International Economic History Congress will be held in Leuven, Belgium, 20–24 August 1990. To obtain the second brochure and registration forms, please write: Tenth International Economic History Congress, Postbox 74, B-3000 Leuven 3, Belgium.

ERRATUM

An error appears on p. 643 of David F. Weiman's article, "Farmers and the Market in Antebellum America: A View from the Georgia Upcountry," which appeared in the September 1987 issue of the *JOURNAL*. In Table 4 the dummy variable for farms with 1–49 acres for Floyd County, column 1, should have a negative sign. The figure should read –19.4*. The Editors regret the error.

RESEARCH AWARDS

The Museum of American Textile History offers financial support to graduate students writing doctoral dissertations related to the role of textile manufacturing in

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WILLIAMSON PRIZE IN BUSINESS HISTORY

The Business History Conference announces the creation of the Harold F. Williamson, Sr. Prize in Business History, which honors one of its founding members. The prize will be awarded every two to three years to a scholar or teacher in mid career who has made significant contributions to the field of business history. The Business History Conference, a non-profit and tax-exempt organization, is seeking donations to endow the prize. Anyone interested in contributing to the endowment may make a check payable to Williamson Prize Fund-BHC and mail it to William J. Hausman, Secretary-Treasurer, Business History Conference, Department of Economics, College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA 23185.

CENTRE FOR URBAN HISTORY

The Centre for Urban History was set up at Leicester in 1985 in order to encourage advanced work in European urban history. It is particularly concerned with encouraging interdisciplinary, comparative, and cross-temporal studies and with the formulation of new methodologies for the investigation of the city. Along with its program of seminars and workshops and a number of research projects, the Centre is also building up a computerized data base of demographic, occupational, and bibliographical material on British towns as part of a general resource collection. Since 1986 a twice-yearly *Urban History Newsletter* has complemented the long-established *Urban History Yearbook*, also published at Leicester. The Centre has provision for overseas academics to come to work at the Centre as honorary visiting fellows. For information about the Centre and its activities, write to the Director, Professor Peter Clark, Centre for Urban History, College House, University of Leicester, LE1 7RH, United Kingdom.

AMERICAN NATIONAL BIOGRAPHY

The American Council of Learned Societies has undertaken to prepare a new multi-volume biographical dictionary, to be called *American National Biography*. To accomplish this large task in a reasonable time the Council will need the help of many historians in locating subjects and writing the biographies. For further details, see the announcement at the back of this issue of the JOURNAL.