Economic History Association
74th Annual Meeting  •  September 12-14, 2014
Columbus, Ohio:
Political Economy and Economic History

THE MEETING
The 74th EHA annual meeting theme is “Political Economy and Economic History.” Politics has a massive impact on economic outcomes. States redistribute wealth, make up for market failures, and enact policies that can devastate an economy or promote long run growth. They also provide the essential public goods of security, the rule of law, and a means of exchange. Without these, life is brutal and trade little more than barter. But what determines the laws and regulations that states adopt and the public goods they furnish? How do states arise in the first place and gain the capacity to tax? What shapes the changes in their policies and their expenditures over time? Can we distinguish the political incentives that encourage good policies rather than tragic ones? Do the answers lie with endowments, the distribution of wealth, or deeply rooted institutions? Or are they to be sought in culture and the guiding hand of history?

EVENTS
Friday

Workshop and Tours
One workshop and several local tour options are available for Friday morning, 8:00-Noon. Preregistration is required. Enrollment is limited to 40 participants for the workshop, and 30-35 participants for the tours. Sign up for a workshop or tour on the registration form.

• Workshop: Job Market Tips and Tales. Newly hired PhD’s will share their job market experiences.
• Tour 1: Ohio Historical Society (http://www.ohiohistory.org/). Transportation by bus from the conference hotel.
• Tour 3: Tour of the Honda factory (http://ohio.honda.com/). Transportation by bus from the conference hotel.

2 Sessions – 5 Panels
Commencing at 1:00 PM

Poster Session (1:00-5:00 PM)

Reception
A reception will be held at the Ohio Statehouse (http://www.ohiostatehouse.org/).

Graduate Student Dinner

Saturday

Teachers’ Breakfast (featuring a guest speaker. to be announced later)

Historians’ Breakfast (featuring Christopher Lloyd; “How Can History Be Put Back into Economic History?”)

Poster Session (All day)

2 Sessions – 6 Panels

Women’s Lunch (co-organized by Simone Wegge and Juliette Levy)

EHA Business Meeting

Dissertation Session

Presidential Address
President Philip Hoffman will give his presidential address: ‘What Do States Do? Politics and Economic History’.

Banquet
Awards will be presented in the areas of best dissertations (Nevins and Gerschenkron prizes), best Journal of Economic History article of 2013, best Explorations in Economic History article of 2013, best book in American economic history, and excellence in teaching economic history.

President’s Party

Sunday

2 Sessions – 4 Panels
Adjourning at 12:00 PM

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POSTER SESSION
Graduate students will be disseminating preliminary results from their thesis in the poster session. The deadline for applications to the poster session has passed. Those accepted receive travel and hotel subsidies.

GRADUATE STUDENT INCENTIVES
All students are eligible for free hotel accommodation. The EHA will pay for 3 nights (double occupancy only). To apply, send an e-mail by July 1, 2014 to Jari Eloranta, elorantaj@appstate.edu, and include your name, school, and advisor’s e-mail address. For assistance with roommate matching, include your gender and smoking/non-smoking preference. Students presenting papers or posters will receive travel subsidies as well as free hotel accommodation. The EHA will reimburse up to $500 for domestic flights and $800 for international flights.

Free graduate student dinner Friday night.
Priority for the poster session.
Discounted registration and banquet tickets.

For more information on all incentives, see: http://eh.net/eha/graduate-student-participation/

ACCOMMODATIONS
The conference hotel is the Renaissance Downtown Hotel located in the heart of Columbus, Ohio.

You can see all the specifics about the hotel here: http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/cmhbr-renaissance-columbus-downtown-hotel/

The conference rate is $149 per night (single room).

RESERVATION INSTRUCTIONS:
To ensure the accuracy of your reservation, please make reservations in one of the following two ways.
1. By booking online through the following link. https://resweb.passkey.com/go/HistoryAssociation0914
2. By calling Renaissance Enhanced Group Reservations at 877-901-6632. You can also call the property directly at (614)228-5050 and be connected. Please be sure to ask for Passkey Reservations and request to book rooms with the Economic History Association 2014 Annual Conference to receive the discounted group rate.

The deadline for receiving the group rate is August 20, 2014.

*Note: Hotel space is always at a premium at the EHA meetings, so please reserve your room early to ensure availability.

TRAVEL
Information on all the travel options to the hotel can be found here: http://www.marriott.com/maps/travel/cmhbr-renaissance-columbus-downtown-hotel/. The hotel link page also features information about likely taxi and other transportation costs.

The closest airport is the Port Columbus International Airport: http://flycolumbus.com/. You can find information on how to get to downtown Columbus here: http://flycolumbus.com/to-from-port-columbus/.

Another option is an airport shuttle. There are several companies that provide this kind of service. The EHA does not endorse any in particular—we urge you to look for them online (see e.g. http://flycolumbus.com/to-from-port-columbus/shuttles-buses-limos/).

Valet parking at the hotel is $15 per day for conference attendees.

Book early to secure your preferred travel destination!

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS
Contact Jari Eloranta to make arrangements for vegetarian meals or other food requirements, or if you have special transportation or accommodation needs.

SUPPORT FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS
Please help support the next generation of scholars. Check the meeting Web site often for updates and announcements: http://eh.net/eha/category/meetings/2014-meeting/

President-elect Robert Margo will host the 2015 meeting at the Sheraton Nashville Downtown hotel in Nashville, Tennessee. Program proposals will be due January 31, 2015 and can be submitted via the EHA Web site, eh.net/eha. Jeremy Atack will chair the local arrangements committee and has already begun preparations. Further details about the conference will be announced in Columbus and posted to the Web site. Contact Jari Eloranta, elorantaj@appstate.edu, for more information.

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
Workshop & Local Tours: 8:00 AM – Noon
Poster Session: 1:00 – 5:00 PM

SESSION: Friday 1:00 – 2:30 PM
1: Political Economy: The Great Depression
Joshua K. Hausman, University of Michigan, “Stagflation in the 1930s: Why Did the French New Deal Fail?”
Andrew Jalil, Occidental College, “Inflation Expectations and Recovery from the Depression: Evidence from the Narrative Record”

2: Health and Welfare
John Parman, College of William and Mary, “Adoption and Adult Outcomes in the Early Twentieth Century”

SESSION: Friday 3:00 – 5:00 PM
3: Political Economy: American States and Tribes
Philipp Ager, University of Southern Denmark, “The Persistence of De Facto Power: Elites and Economic Development in the U.S. South, 1840–1960”
Dustin Frye, University of Colorado, Boulder, “The Indian Reorganization Act, Tribal Sovereignty, and Economic Development”

4: Cities
Richard Hornbeck, Harvard University, “Creative Destruction: Barriers to Urban Growth and the Great Boston Fire of 1872”
Gregory Niemesh, Miami University, “Impact of Migration on Infant Health: Evidence from the Great Migration”
Randall Walsh, University of Pittsburgh, “Race, Ethnicity, and Zoning: The Case of Chicago’s First Comprehensive Land Use Ordinance”

5: Migration and Immigration
Leah Boustan, University of California, Los Angeles, “To the New World and Back Again: Return Migration and Upward Mobility”
Martine Mariotti, Australian National University, “Long-Run Impacts of Labor Migration on Human Capital Accumulation: Evidence from Malawi”
Ariell Zimran, Northwestern University, “Self-Selection of Immigrants on the Basis of Living Standards: Evidence from the Stature of Italian Immigrants at Ellis Island, 1907–1925”

Reception: 6:00 – 8:00 PM

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
Historians’ Breakfast: 6:45 – 8:00 AM
Teachers’ Breakfast: 6:45 – 8:00 AM

SESSION: Saturday 8:30 – 10:00 AM
6: Political Economy: Europe
Mark Dincecco, University of Michigan, “Military Conflict and the Economic Rise of Urban Europe”
Rui Pedro Esteves, University of Oxford, “Archomania: The Place of Venality in French Public Finances”
Noel Johnson, George Mason University, “From State Capacity to Rule of Law in Old Regime France”

7: Political Economy: Latin America
Jose Diaz, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, “Perspiration and Inspiration: Two Centuries of Chilean Growth in Perspective”

SESSION: Saturday 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM
9: Diverging and Converging
Mark Koyama, George Mason University, “Unified China and Divided Europe”
Tony Moore, University of Reading, “Did Purchasing Power Parity Hold in Medieval Europe?”
SESSION CONT’D

10: How New Evidence and New Interpretations are Changing our Understanding of the Ancient World
Joseph Manning, Yale University, “Kings and people: the political economy of the Ptolemaic Kingdom and beyond”
Graham Oliver, Brown University, “People and cities: economic horizons beyond the Hellenistic polis”
Alain Bresson, The University of Chicago, “Flexible interfaces of the Hellenistic world”

11: Debt, Wealth, and Pensions in the Long 19th Century
Brian Beach, University of Pittsburgh, “Do Markets Reward Constitutional Reform? Lessons from America’s State Debt Crisis”
Frank Garmon Jr., University of Virginia, “Wealth Levels and Distribution in the Early American Republic, 1785–1815”
Laura Salisbury, York University, “Determinants of Confederate Pension Legislation and Participation”

14: Education
Brian A’Hearn, University of Oxford, “Enfranchisement and Public Schooling: Evidence from Liberal Italy”
Shawn Kantor, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, “Universities and Regional Development”
Ross Thomson, University of Vermont, “Government-Led Innovation in a Period of Small Government: The United States, 1820 to 1941”

SESSION: Sunday 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

15: Something Blue
Arnaud Mehl, European Central Bank, “Has the Dollar Always Dominated Global Oil Markets? Evidence and Implications for the International Monetary System”
Ahmed Rahman, United States Naval Academy and Brown University, “Benchmarking Job Mobility and Returns to Technical Skill for an Era with Rapid Innovation”

16: Borrowing and Shocks
Latika Chaudhary, Scripps College, “Protecting the Borrower: An Experiment in Colonial India”
Meng Xue, George Mason University, “Technology Shocks, Relative Productivity, and Son Preference: The Long-Term Effect of Cotton Textile Production in Ming China”

Women’s Lunch: Noon – 1:00 PM
EHA Business Meeting: 1:00 – 2:00 PM
Dissertation Session: 2:15 – 4:15 PM
Presidential Address: 4:45 – 5:45 PM
Cocktail Reception: 6:30 – 7:30 PM
Banquet: 7:30 – 9:30 PM
President’s Party: 10 PM – 12 AM

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

SESSION: Sunday 8:30 – 10:00 AM

12: Corporations
Amanda Gregg, Yale University, “Factory Productivity and the Concession System of Incorporation in Late Imperial Russia”
Miguel Morin, University of Mississippi, “Electricity Adoption and the Evolution of the Labor Market”
Leslie Tomory, McGill University, “The London Water Supply Industry and the Industrial Revolution”

13: Priests, War, and Property
Metin Cosgel, University of Connecticut, “Theocracy”
Alvaro La Parra Perez, University of Maryland, “Fighting Against Democracy: Military Factions in the Second Spanish Republic and Civil War (1931–1939)”
Jessica Vechbanyongratana, Chulalongkorn University, “Property Rights, Land Markets, and Land Use in Bangkok: Consequences of Siam’s 1901 Land Act”

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