

Panel 5 Post-Colonial Economies, Foreign Investments and Energy Transitions
(Room: Sala delle Lauree, 2st floor)
Chair: **Ushehwedu Kufakurinani**

Manfredo Gambino (University of Parma)
Red Italy in Black Africa: the Italian Left Involved in Portuguese Decolonization in Mozambique

Boris Landry Djamen Tchegnina (University of Bertoua)
Energy Transition through Renewable Energy Development in Sub-Saharan African Countries: Continuity or Change in Environment Politics?

Silvana Bartoletto (Parthenope University of Naples)
Energy Transitions in Morocco (1956-2024)

Laura Chiara Cecchi (University of Trento)
Colonial Vestige or Symbol of a Newfound Equality between Africa and Europe? Rethinking Reciprocity, 1969-1973

Maurizio Romano (Università Telematica Pegaso)
The Italian State-Owned Enterprise in Africa. Between National Economic Priorities and Shared Development Strategies in the 1950s-1970s

Mark McQuinn (SOAS, University of London)
Changes and Continuities in the Flagship Extractive Industries Sector in Tanzania; A Comparative Analysis of Economic Development Under President Nyerere's Ujamaa (Self-Reliance) Initiative in the 1960s and 1970s and the Current Policy of Welcoming Foreign Direct Investment

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Panel 6 New Sources for African Economic History
(Room: "Amintore Fanfani", 5th floor)
Chair: **Kate Ekama**

Laura Channing (Durham University)
Urban Fiscal Capacity in Colonial Africa: Evidence from City Councils in Britain's West African Colonies

Alexander Moradi (University of Bozen-Bolzano),
Edward Kerby (University of Stellenbosch),
Hanjo Odendaal (University of Stellenbosch)
Narratives from European-African Encounters (1400 - 1900)

Bezawit Abebe (University of Gothenburg),
Stefania Galli (University of Gothenburg)
Female Empowerment: Evidence from Marriage Records in Addis Ababa

Rebecca Simson (University of Oxford)
Women and Wealth in Postcolonial Kenya: Insights from Probate Records

Erik Green (Lund University),
Kate Ekama (Stellenbosch University),
Calumet Links (Stellenbosch University),
Auke Rijpma (Utrecht University) *Big Data and Writing the History of the Global South: The Case of the Cape of Good Hope Panel*

Auke Rijpma (Utrecht University), **Robert Ross** (Leiden University),
Jonathan Schoots (Lund University), **Leoné Walters** (Stellenbosch University) *The Formation and Transformation of a Settler Elite: Economic, Social and Political Structure in the Cape Colony, 1696-1834*

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16:15-16:45 **Coffee break** (Smart Village, Ground floor)
16:45-18:45 **Parallel Sessions 3**

Panel 7 Food Prices and Economic Transformation
(Room: Sala delle Lauree, 2st floor)
Chair: **Jutta Bolt**

Tom Westland (Wageningen University)
Market Integration and the Cash Crop Revolution in West Africa

Ewout Frankema (Wageningen University/CEPR),
Tom Westland (Wageningen University)
Markets, Mills and Credit: Why Southeast Asia's Colonial Rice Economies Laid Foundations for Growth That Sub-Saharan Africa Lacked

Kaluba Jickson Chama (International Studies Group (ISG), University of the Free State)
"Nsima is Here to Stay": Citizens and The Politics of Staple Food Prices in Zambia, 1990-2024

Michiel De Haas (Wageningen University),
Ewout Frankema (Wageningen University/CEPR),
Tanik Joshipura (Wageningen University),
Tom Westland (Wageningen University)
A Transition to High Food Prices in East Africa: Exogenous Shocks and Endogenous Political Economy, 1930s-80s

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Panel 8 Development: National and International Dynamics
(Room: "Amintore Fanfani", 5th floor)
Chair **Morten Jerven**

Monika Różalska (University of Lodz)
Mapping Ghana's Economic Interactions with the USA and China in Development, Mobilities, and Environmental Contexts

Fabio Clementi (University of Macerata),
Michele Fabiani (University of Macerata)
The Impact of Growth and Distribution on Poverty: Recent Evidence for Sub-Saharan Africa

Katharine Frederick (Utrecht University)
Economic Ideologies and Colonial Legacies: Tracing and Comparing Industrialization Strategies and Developments in Early Post-Colonial Kenya and Tanzania

Patrizia Battilani (University of Bologna)
The World Bank's Role in Tourism Development in African Countries

Molly Kiniry (University of Cambridge)
East African Industry in the First Wave of Structural Adjustment: Performance and Views Across Key Sectors

Sascha Klocke (Lund University),
Ellen Hillbom (Lund University)
The More Things Change...: Income Inequality in British Tanganyika, 1925-1960

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Panel 9 Financial Strategies and Institutions
(Room: Acquarietto, Ground floor)
Chair: **Rebecca Simson**

Rodrigue Dossou-Cadja (Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS, France) & Université de Montpellier)
Independence and Central Banking Models: Africa and the Global Overview

Noelle Turtur (European University Institute)
Menelik's Concessionaires and the Financial Infrastructure of the Ethiopian Empire: Case Studies from Wallega and Illu Abbafoo, c.1900-1928

Mariusz Lukaszewicz (Leipzig University)
Rural Capitalists, 'Indigenous' Finance and the Co-operative Movement in Late-Colonial Nigeria: The Making of the Co-operative Bank of Western Nigeria, c.1945-1966

Kate Ekama (LEAP, Stellenbosch University)
The Financial Lives of Enslaved People in Cape Town, 1825-1834

Manuel Jojo Manu-Osafo (University of Ghana)
National Funds and the Negotiation of Power and Development in Asante History, 1942-1992

Tessa Hubble (LEAP, Stellenbosch University),
Johan Fourie (LEAP, Stellenbosch University),
Jonathan Schoots (Lund University)
Status and Price Discovery: Auctions in the Cape Colony, 1700-1825

20:00-23:00 **Aperitif dinner for the speakers**
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Conference details

Theme

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Keynotes

Keynotes will be given by Prof. Gareth Austin (King's College, Cambridge University) and Prof. Carolyn Chisadza (University of Pretoria).

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Keynote Speakers



Gareth Austin's research and teaching focusses on African, comparative and global economic history, with Ghana as his principal observatory on the continent and the world. His work ranges over the pre-colonial, colonial and post-colonial periods. After teaching maths at a community school in Kenya, he took a BA at Cambridge and PhD at Birmingham. His past employers include the University of Ghana, the Institute of Commonwealth Studies in London, the London School of Economics, and the Graduate Institute in Geneva. He served as general editor of the *Journal of African History* and as president of the European Network in Universal and Global History. He was one of the proposers of the *Journal of Global History*. His publications include *Labour, Land and Capital in Ghana: From Slavery to Free Labour in Asante, 1807-1956* (2005) and (editor) *Economic Development and Environmental History in the Anthropocene: Perspectives on Asia and Africa* (2017). His work has appeared in many journals, including the *Economic History Review*, the *Journal of African History*, the *Journal of International Development and Business History Review*. Gareth is now Professor Emeritus of Economic History (1928) at the University of Cambridge, having reached compulsory retirement age last year. He continues to work part-time for Cambridge as a Director of Research for the duration of the AHRC-DFG project 'Where have all the workers gone? Labour and work in Ghana, 1951-2010'. Among several projects, he particularly needs to finish his [overdue, retitled and rewritten] book *Markets, Slavery and the State in West Africa, c.1450-2025*.

Keynote Speakers



Carolyn Chisadza is an Associate Professor in Economics at the University of Pretoria in South Africa. She holds a BSc (Honours) in Economics from the University of Zimbabwe, and a BCom (Honours), MCom and Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Pretoria. Her courses include undergraduate microeconomics / macroeconomics and introduction to economic growth, as well as postgraduate economic development. Her research focusses on development issues related to inequality, conflict and quality of institutions (i.e. gender, ethnic, democratic and historical) within Africa. Her research papers have appeared in the top academic journals and peer reviewed edited books. Carolyn has also collaborated with national and international organisations, such as The Lancet Commission on peaceful societies through health and gender equality. Carolyn is currently an AfOx. Visiting Fellow at the Department of Economics, University of Oxford, as part of the Africa Oxford Visiting Fellowship Programme. She has been awarded the ERSA Prize for achievement in Economics at Doctoral level, the U.P. Economics H.O.D Prize for achievement in Economics at Doctoral level, the Stella Nkomo Award for Best Doctoral Thesis and the 2020 J.J.I Middleton medal for the best first article published in the South African Journal of Economics.

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Conference Program

Wednesday 25th September

- 9.30-13.00 Young Scholar Initiative - Africa Working Group Workshop (Room: "Amintore Fanfani", 5th floor)
- 13.00-14.30 Lunch (Smart Village, Ground floor)
- 14.30-17.00 Young Scholar Initiative - Africa Working Group Workshop (Room: "Amintore Fanfani", 5th floor)
- 17.00-19.00 Meeting of the AEHN board (Room: "Amintore Fanfani", 5th floor)

Thursday 26th September

- 8:30-9:00 Registration (Aula Magna, Città Universitaria)
- 9:00-9:15 Welcome **Antonella Polimeni**, Rectress Sapienza University of Rome,
- 9:15-10:30 Keynote one **Gareth Austin** Fellow of Kings College (Cambridge-UK)
- 10:30-11:00 Coffee break (Smart Village, Ground floor) Faculty Economics - via Castro Laurenziano 9

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11:00-13:15 Parallel Sessions 1

Panel 1: Agriculture and Development
(Room: Sala delle Lauree, 2st floor)
Chair: Ewout Frankema

Alemayehu Erkihun Engida (Wollo University)
Rural Development and Market-Oriented Commercial Agricultural Projects in Setit Humera, Northwestern Ethiopian Borderland, 1950s-1975: Dilemmas and Economic Setbacks

Sascha Klocke (Lund University)
In Search of the Rural Entrepreneur: African Commercial Agriculture and Economic Development in Colonial East Africa

Elisabeth Kempter (University of Luxembourg),
Luisito Bertinelli (University of Luxembourg),
Arnaud Bourgain (University of Luxembourg)
From Fields to Frontiers – Price Shocks in Cash Crops and Their Effect on Migration Aspirations in Sub-Saharan Africa

María del Carmen Pérez Artés (University of Almería),
Laura Maravall (University of Alcalá)
Economic Shocks and Local Responses: Agricultural Diversification in Algeria, 1870-1914, Under Colonial and Global Market Pressures

Luciano Maffi (University of Parma),
Gian Luca Podestà (University of Parma)
Institutions, Ecology, Innovations: a Case Study of Somalia

Godfrey Hove (National University of Lesotho)
Negotiating Economic Survival on the Margins: Environment, Land and Agrarian Development in Mafeteng District, Lesotho Since 1966

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Panel 2 Natural Resources and the Conservation of Forests and Soil
(Room: "Amintore Fanfani", 5th floor)
Chair: **Belinda Archibong**

Paulo Alexandre Vasconcelos (University of Porto / CITCEM)
Transformations and Persistent Trends in the Utilization of Forest Resources in Angola: 1949 to Present

Juweria Ali (University of Westminster)
Resource Frontiers and State Consolidation: The Case of the Ogaden Basin

Blessing Dhliwayo (Stellenbosch University)
"All Forest Resources are State Estate". The Origins of Forest Conservation and the Politics of Colonial Forest Management in Southern Rhodesia, c.1910-1954

Denis Yuni (National University of Lesotho)
Historical Foundations and Developmental Implications of the Struggle for the Scarce Arable Land of Lesotho

Belinda Makare (University of the Free State)
The Colonial State and the African Peasantry: A Socio-Environmental History of Soil Conservation and Agrarian Change in Lesotho's Leribe District, 1938-1966

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Panel 3 Currencies and Monetary Institutions
(Room: Acquariletto, Ground floor)
Chair: **Tapiwa Madimu**

Ushewedu Kufakurinani (University of Sussex)
Productive waiting? Queuing as Everyday Experience During Hyper-Scarcity in Zimbabwe

Toyomu Masaki (Kanazawa University),
Malainine Ebnou (Kanazawa University),
Guinée Cloth (Nila) *Beyond the 'Saharan Divide': Its Origins, Functions, and Circulations*

Laura Bonino (Université Lyon 2, UMR 5206 Triangle and EHES)
The Influence of Italian Economists in the Creation of New Monetary Systems for the Empire (1890-1936)

Dolly Afoumba (Philipps University Marburg)
Post-Colonial African Economic Development: Lessons from French post-WWII Currency Reforms

Karin Pallaver (University of Bologna),
Alessandro De Cola (University of Bologna),
Alexander Moradi (University of Bozen-Bolzano),
Edward Kerby (University of Stellenbosch),
Hanjo Odendaal (University of Stellenbosch),
Lauren Coetzee (University of Luxembourg)
19th-Century Currency Areas in East Africa: New Insights from Travellers' accounts

13:15-14:15 **Lunch** (Smart Village, Ground floor)

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14:15-16:15 Parallel Sessions 2

Panel 4 Business History
(Room: Acquariletto, Ground Floor)
Chair: **Michiel De Haas**

Alfred Fransen (ASC Leiden)
Towards a Financial and Business History of the Scramble for Africa. The Case of the Rhodesia's

Klas Rönnbäck (University of Gothenburg),
Stephanie Decker (University of Birmingham)
Negotiating Over the Slave Trade: Royal Africa Company During the Dixcove Palaver

Lloyd Melusi Maphosa (Queen's University Belfast)
Shareholder Governance and Minority Shareholders at the Dawn of Modern Capitalism in the Cape Colony, 1892-1902

Donatella Strangio (Sapienza University of Rome)
Italian Investments and Enterprises in Libya (1911-1970)

Matteo Nardozi (Sapienza University of Rome)
"La Porta dell'Impero": The Role of Eritrea and the Contribution of Italian Entrepreneurs in the Context of the Italian East Africa and the British Administration (1934-1953)

John Kegel (University of Leiden)
Compagnie Sucrière Congolaise: A Colonial Concessionary Sugar Plantation from 1925 to the Present

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