All-UC Economic History Group/Caltech Conference

Unequal Chances & Unequal Outcomes in Economic History

Friday, Feb. 6, 1:00 pm – Saturday, Feb. 7, 1:30 pm
24 Beckman Behavioral Biology Labs (BBB), Caltech

Friday, February 6

12:30-1:00    Coffee

1:00-2:45    Session 1

• Richard Sutch, UCR, “Capital [i.e. Wealth] in the Nineteenth Century: Definition, Distribution and Disposition”.


2:45-3:15    Coffee Break

3:15-6:00    Session 2

• Jérôme Bourdieu, Lionel Keszenbaum, Gilles Postel-Vinay, Akiko Suwa-Eisenmann, INRA, “Intergenerational wealth mobility in France, 19th and early 20th century”.

• Thomas Piketty, Paris School of Economics, Gilles Postel-Vinay, INRA, Jean-Laurent Rosenthal, Caltech, “After the Rentier Society: The Great Shocks of the Twentieth Century Reconsidered”.

• Gregory Clark, UCD and Neil Cummins, LSE “How Important is Inherited Wealth? England 1858-2014.”
Saturday, February 7

8:00-8:30 Breakfast

8:30-10:15 Session 3


- William R. Summerhill, UCLA, “Colonial Institutions, Slavery, Inequality, and Development: Evidence from São Paulo, Brazil”.

10:15-10:45 Coffee

10:45-12:30 Sessions 4

- Peter Lindert, UCD “Where Has Modern Equality Come From? Luck and Smart Paths in Economic History”.


12:30-1:30 Lunch