Friday, 23 May (at the Huntington)

1:00-2:45  New Perspectives on the Economics of Russian Serfdom

Democracy in under the Tsars: The Case of the Zemstvo
Steven Nafziger (Williams College)

Contract Enforcement in Russian Serf Society
Tracy Dennison (Caltech)

2:45-3:00  BREAK

3:00-4:45  Matching and Mobility

Marrying Up: The Role of Sex Ratio in Marriage by Class
Ran Abramitzky (Stanford University), Adeline Delavand (Universidade Nova de Lisboa and RAND) & Luís Vasconcelos (Universidade Nova de Lisboa)

Competition in the Promised Land: Black Migration and Racial Wage Convergence in the North, 1940-1970
Leah Platt Boustan (UCLA)

5:30  RECEPTION: Garden Terrace at the Huntington
Saturday, 24 May (at the Huntington)

8:00-8:30   Continental Breakfast

8:30-10:15  External Resources and Economic Growth

*Politics of Patent Reform and Transfer of Technology for Industrial Development and Agricultural Advancement: The Case of Argentina, 1920s*
Yovanna Pineda (St. Michael’s College)

*Foreign Capital and Economic Growth in the First Era of Globalization*
Michael Bordo (Rutgers) and Christopher Meissner (UC Davis)

10:30-12:15 Steeples, Minarets, and the Market: Christianity and Islam in Economic Perspective

*Interest Bans and Endogenous Institutional Change in Islam and Christianity*
Jared Rubin (Cal State Fullerton)

*Luther and Suleyman*
Murat Iyugin (University of Colorado)

12:15-1:45 LUNCH: Garden Terrace at the Huntington
Steering Committee Meeting

2:00-4:30 Finance and Development on Both Sides of the Atlantic

*The Old Economics of Information and the Remarkable Persistence of Traditional Credit Markets, 1740-1899*
Philip Hoffman (Caltech), Gilles Postel-Vinay (INRA-EHESS) & Jean-Laurent Rosenthal (Caltech)

*Wall Street’s First Corporate Governance Crisis: The Conspiracy Trials of 1826*
Eric Hilt (Wellesley College)

*The Politics of Financial Development: Evidence from New World Economies*
Stephen Haber (Stanford University)

6:00 CONFERENCE DINNER: Garden Terrace at the Huntington
Sunday, 25 May (at Caltech, Dabney Lounge)

8:00  Continental Breakfast

8:30-10:15  Determinants of Long-term Underperformance in Africa

*Guns-For-Slaves: The 18th Century British Slave Trade in Africa*
Warren Whatley (Michigan)

*Population, Technology, and Economic Development in the African Past*
Javier Birchenal (UCSB)

10:15-10:30  BREAK

10:30-12:15  Origins and Consequences of Regulation in the United States

*The Battles against Animal Disease: Science, Policy, and the Origins of Economic Regulation in the United States*
Alan Olmstead (UC Davis) & Paul Rhode (Arizona)

*Effects of Occupational Licensing Laws on Minorities: Evidence from the Progressive Era*
Marc Law (University of Vermont) & Mindy Marks (UC Riverside)