Conference theme: severity of the downturn has varied across cities and states. The initial shock has also spread across countries due to trade and capital flows and cooperation (or competition) between governments. Across the globe, the unevenness of economic progress in the first decade of the twenty-first century is just as striking as the variation in the intensity of the crisis. Our conference will examine the role of space in economic activity in long term perspective. We invite submissions on the following themes and related topics:

*The role of industrial districts and financial capitals in economic growth; The role of crises as historical turning points shifting economic leadership across cities or nations (e.g., the sack of Antwerp in 1572, World War I and the rise of New York as a financial center); The effect of segregation or sorting across space on the distribution of resources. Political economy considerations when local economies are heterogeneous. What can history say about the role of political geography in shaping economic institutions?*

If you are interested in attending this conference, please contact Hilary Wilkoff (hwilkoff@ucdavis.edu) by Friday, March 11th. Invitations will be issued by Wednesday, March 16. The All-UC Group will cover airfare (at the lowest available rate) for Northern California participants and mileage for those from Southern California. The conference will also provide lodging on April 21 and 22 for those not of the LA area. We will also provide lunch and dinner on Friday and lunch on Saturday.

Program committee: Program Committee: Dan Bogart (UCI), Leah Boustan (UCLA), Tracy Denison (Caltech), Jean-Laurent Rosenthal (Caltech), William Summerhill (UCLA).

Conference Program

Friday April 22

Session 1: Markets and Local Institutions (10:00AM-12:30PM)
Sheilagh Ogilvie (University of Cambridge)
Retail Ratios in the Netherlands, c. 1670 – c. 1815 (co-authored with Danielle van den Heuvel University of Cambridge).

Jean-Laurent Rosenthal (Caltech)
Contracts and Revolution: The View from the Gard’s Notaries, 1779-1808 (co-authored with Philip T Hoffman and Gilles Postel-Vinay)
Stefan Houpt (Universidad Carlos III)
*Oneness versus Diversity in Legal and Economic Institutions: The Spanish Stock markets, 1831-1936* (co-authored with Juan Carlos Rojo Cagigal).

Lunch 12:30-1:30PM

Garden and gallery visits 1:30-3:00PM

**Session 2** Hard times 3:00-5:30PM

Price Fishback (University of Arizona)
*In Search of the Multiplier for Federal Spending in the States during the New Deal*

Matt Hill (UCLA)
*Love in the Time of Depression; the Effect of Economic Downturns on the Probability of Marriage*

Kirsten Wandschneider (Occidental College)
*Capital Controls and Economic Recovery from Financial Crises: Lessons from the 1930s* (co-authored with Kris Mitchener University of Santa Clara).

Reception 5:30-6:30PM

Dinner 6:30PM

**Saturday April 23**

**Session 3:** Trade and Growth (9:00AM-10:30AM)

Peter Zeitz (Singapore University)
*Trade in Equipment and Capital Quality: Evidence from the Sino-Soviet Split*

David Jacks (Simon Frazer University)
*Defying Gravity: The 1932 Imperial Economic Conference and the Reorientation of Canadian Trade*

**Session 4:** Frontiers of Violence (11:00AM-12:30PM)

Pauline Grosjean (University of San Francisco)
*A History of Violence: The “Culture of Honor” as a Determinant of Homicide in the US South.*

Lee Alston (University of Colorado)
*Property Rights, Land Conflict and Tenancy in Brazil* (co-authored with Bernardo Muller U of Brazilia).
Lunch 12:30-1:30PM  
Garden and Gallery visits 1:30-2:30PM

Saturday PM  
Session 5: Migration 2:30-4:00PM  
Leah Platt-Boustan (UCLA)  
White Suburbanization and Black Homeownership, 1940-80.

Andrei Markevich (New Economic School, Moscow)  
Property Rights and Internal Migration: The Case of the Stolypin Agrarian Reform in the Russian Empire (co-authored with Eugenia Chernina and Paul Dower).