

## **Law and Economic Development: a Historical Perspective**

Utrecht, Utrecht University

Sept. 20-22, 2007

Preliminary Program  
(June 2007)

### **Thursday, Sept. 20<sup>st</sup> 2007**

#### **Morning Session:**

Chair: Maarten Prak (Utrecht University)

Opening: Jan Luiten van Zanden (Utrecht University)

Jan Luiten Van Zanden (Utrecht and IISH): *Economic Growth in a period of political fragmentation 950-1300.*

John Haley (Washington University): *Law's Evolution: Why Private Law Thrived in Western Europe and Japan.*

Jerome Bourgon (ENS-LSH, Lyon): *Rereading Weber seriously: contract and contractual relationships in Qing China legal order.* (presented by Debin Ma)

Debin Ma (LSE): *Law and Great Divergence: an Economic Analysis.*

Discussant: John Drobak (Washington University)

#### **Afternoon Session:**

Chair: Tine de Moor (Utrecht University)

Mio Kishimoto (Univ. of Tokyo): *Land Markets and Land Conflicts in Late Imperial China.*

Harriet Zurndorfer (Leiden University): *Law and Economic Well-Being in 16th Century China: the Case of Property and Tenant Disputation in Huizhou.*

Nakabayashi, M. (University of Osaka) and Tetsuji Okazaki (University of Tokyo): *Legal Institutions and Financial Development: the Case of Meiji Japan.*

| Discussant: John Haley (Washington University)

**Friday, Sept. 21<sup>nd</sup> 2007**

**Morning Session:**

Chair: Bas van Bavel (Utrecht University)

Timur Kuran (Duke University): *The Scale of Entrepreneurship in Middle Eastern History: Inhibitive Roles of Islamic Institutions*

Metin Cosgel (University of Connecticut): *State, Legal Community, and Economic Change in Islam*

Ghislaine Lydon (UCLA): *A 'Paper Economy of Faith' without Faith in Paper: A Contribution to Understanding 'the Roots of Islamic Institutional Stagnation'*

Discussant: William G. Clarence-Smith (SOAS)

**Afternoon Session I:**

Chair: Oscar Gelderblom (Utrecht University)

Tirthankar Roy (LSE): *Modes of Legislation in Colonial India: A Study of Contracts.*

Anand Swamy (Williams College) (co-author: Mandar Oak): *Only Twice as Much: a Rule for Regulating Lenders.*

Discussant: TBA

**Afternoon Session II:**

Larry Neal (Univ. of Illinois and LSE): *The Evolution of Self- and State-Regulation of the London Stock Exchange, 1688-1878.*

Bogart, Dan (UC, Irvine): *Political Institutions and the Evolution of Statutory Regulation in England: Evidence from River and Road Improvement Authorities, 1600-1750.*

Discussant: Patrick O'Brien (LSE)

**Saturday morning, Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> 2007**

Chair: Jan Luiten van Zanden (Utrecht University)

Jessica Dijkman (Utrecht University): *Debt Litigation in Medieval Holland, c. 1200-1350.*

Oscar Gelderblom (Utrecht University): *The Resolution of Commercial Conflicts in Bruges, Antwerp, and Amsterdam (1250-1650)*

Discussant: Oliver Volckart (LSE)

Jérôme Sgard (CEPII et Université de Paris-Dauphine) co-author: Vincent Bignon (Université de Créteil): *Poverty, Credit and Bankruptcy in 19th Century Paris.*

Jaime Reis (Instituto de Ciências Sociais, Universidade de Lisboa): *Institutions and Economic Growth in the Atlantic Periphery: The Efficiency of the Portuguese Machinery of Justice, 1870-1910.*

Discussant: Larry Neal

Concluding discussion

**List of Participants:**

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