



15th PIERRE DU BOIS ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2024 5th MACROHIST ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2024

Debt and Taxes. An History of Innovation

PROGRAMME

Day 1: Thursday, 26 September 2024

Geneva Graduate Institute, Maison de la paix, chemin Eugène-Rigot 2, 1202 Genève, Auditorium Part B

12:30– 13:30 Registration and light lunch

13:30– 13:45 Welcome and Introductory Remarks

13:45– 15:15 SESSION 1

Early Modern Public Finance

Larry Neal (UIUC) “The Forgotten Financiers of the Louisiana Purchase”

Discussant: Juan Flores (Unige)

Christiaan van Bochove (Utrecht), Lars Boerner (Halle-Wittenberg) and Daniel Quint (Wisconsin-Madison) “Anglo-Dutch Premium Auctions in Eighteenth-Century Amsterdam”

Discussant: Carsten Burhop (Bonn)

15:15 – 15:45

Coffee break

15:45– 17:15 SESSION 2

Networks vs. Markets

Regina Grafe (Cambridge) “Archaic Lending or Precocious Financialization? Spanish American Finance to 1800”

Discussant: Pilar Nogues-Marco (Unige)

Pamfili Antipa (Banque de France) and Walker Hanlon (Northwestern) “Charity Begins at Home—Why Britain resumed the Gold Standard after the French Wars”

Discussant: Nathan Sussman (IHEID)

17:15 – 17:45

Coffee break

17:45– 19:00 **KEYNOTE**

Barry Eichengreen (UC Berkeley) “Sustained debt reduction: The Jamaica exception”

19:30– 22:00

Conference Dinner (La Perle du lac)

Day 2: Friday, 27 September 2024

9:00 – 11:15 SESSION 3

The Sinews of Debt Sustainability

Angélica Dominguez-Carsoza (Kiel), Adelina Garamow (DIW Berlin and Freie Universität Berlin) and **Josefin Meyer** (DIW Berlin) “Global Commodity Markets and Sovereign Risk across 150 Years”

Discussant: Kirsten Wandschneider (Vienna)

Paula Vedoveli (FGV-São Paulo) “The Promises of Growth: Debt Sustainability, National Wealth, and Repayment Capacity”

Discussant: Coskun Tunçer (UCL)

Eric Monnet (PSE) and **Matthias Morys** (York) “Stabilizing sovereign debt prices. A long run perspective, 1890-2020”

Discussant: Ugo Panizza (IHEID)

11:15 – 11:45 Coffee break

11:45 – 13:15 SESSION 4

Empire

Leigh Gardner (LSE) “All tax is local: fiscal decentralization and colonial institutions in British Africa”

Discussant: Grégoire Mallard (IHEID) Rui Esteves (IHEID) and **Coskun Tunçer** (UCL) “‘Dormant securities’: Imperial guarantees for colonial loans, 1842-1933”

Discussant: Matthieu Chavaz (BIS)

13:15 – 14:30 Lunch

14:30 – 16:00 SESSION 5

The Infrastructure of Debt Markets

Geoffroy Legentilhomme (Zurich) and Marc Flandreau (Penn) and “Death and Debt: Actuaries, Asset Values and the Rise of Financial Capitalism”

Discussant: Rui Esteves (IHEID)

Sasha Indarte (Penn), “Bad News Bankers: Underwriter Reputation and Contagion in Pre-1914 Sovereign Debt Markets”

Discussant: Eric Monnet (PSE)

16:00 – 16:15 Coffee break

16:15 – 17:45 SESSION 6

The Twentieth Century

Wilfried Kislring (WU) and Catherine Schenk (Oxford) “The Package Makes the Deal: Sovereign debt crisis and lending strategies of Lloyds Bank International in Latin America, 1975-1983”

Discussant: Edoardo Altamura (Lausanne & Manchester)

Nathan Sussman (IHEID) “The choice of bond currencies in the Eurobond Market 1965-1980”

Discussant: Matthias Morys (York)

17:45 – 18:00 CONCLUDING REMARKS

18:00 Cocktail dînatoire (La Terrasse)

Scientific committee: Rui Esteves (IHEID), Carsten Burhop (Bonn), Eric Monnet (PSE), Matthias Morys (York), Kirsten Wandschneider (Vienna)

Notes

Presenters **in bold**.

This conference is in person only.