Call for Papers

International Workshop on

Economic History of Globalization

20-21 October 2011, Leuven (Belgium)

jointly organized by

International Network for Economic Research (INFER)
Leuven Centre for Irish Studies, K.U.Leuven
Institute for Economic and Social History, WWU Münster
Research Group Globalization, Innovation and Competition, H.U.Brussel

in collaboration with

Ghent University, History Department
University of Antwerp, SCOB and Centre for Urban History

Workshop Objectives

This workshop brings together economists and historians to discuss recent topics in economic history. Researchers are invited to submit both qualitative and quantitative papers. In particular, we welcome papers related to the following topics:

- History of globalization, especially international trade and capital flows
- History of agricultural economics
- History of competition policy and regulation
- History of transatlantic economics
- History of economic thought
The workshop is open to both young and experienced researchers (including Ph.D. students), and professionals from business, government and non-governmental institutions.

Ph.D. students or young researchers have the opportunity to submit their paper for a special track called ‘Young Economic Historians’, where accepted papers will be discussed by senior researchers. This will be very helpful in improving the research for later revisions of the paper.

Keynote Speakers

We are happy to welcome the following internationally distinguished keynote speakers:

Prof. Dr. Jeffrey Williamson (Harvard University and University of Wisconsin)

Prof. Dr. Cormac O’Grada (University College Dublin)

Prof. Dr. Ulrich Pfister (Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster)

Prof. Dr. Nikolaus Wolf (Humboldt-Universität Berlin)

Prof. Dr. Herman Van der Wee (Katholieke Universiteit Leuven)

Organization

The workshop is jointly organized by the International Network for Economic Research (INFER), the Leuven Centre for Irish Studies, Institute for Economic and Social History, WWU Münster, and the research group Globalization, Innovation and Competition (H.U.Brussel).

INFER is a non-profit international scientific organization that stimulates research and research networking in all fields of economics through international workshops and conferences. See the INFER website www.infer-research.net for more details.

The Leuven Centre for Irish Studies is a recently established research centre at the Catholic University of Leuven (K.U.Leuven), with the support of the Irish government. It is located in the historical (and recently renovated) Irish College in Leuven. The Leuven Centre for Irish Studies focuses in particular on interdisciplinary research in the humanities and social sciences. As such both economists and historians, including many researchers active in the field of economic history co-operate within this research centre. The Leuven Centre for Irish Studies also co-operates with many other research departments at the Catholic University of Leuven, as well as with several international research partners, particularly in Ireland. See the Centre’s website at www.irishstudies.kuleuven.be for more details.

The Institute for Economic and Social History at the Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster conducts quantitative research in economic history. Currently, its main topics include German economic growth 1500-1850, historical business cycles in the 19th and 20th century, commodity market integration and interwar financial history. See the Institute’s website at www.wiwi.uni-muenster.de/wisoge for more details.
The **research group Globalization, Innovation and Competition** of the H.U.Brussel is an interdisciplinary research group focusing on international issues. Economic history as well as globalization issues are central research topics. H.U.Brussel is a partner of K.U.Leuven in the Association K.U.Leuven.

In addition, this workshop is co-organized by *Ghent University* and the *University of Antwerp*.

**Submission of Papers**

Only full papers may be submitted, preferably in pdf-format. Papers should be submitted to Jan Van Hove, director for economic research at the Leuven Centre for Irish Studies, by sending an e-mail to econ-history@globalization.be.

**Deadline for paper submission is June 1, 2011.**

Authors are allowed to submit more than one paper. All submitted papers will be peer reviewed according to a high-quality and fast referee process. By the end of June 2011, authors will be notified whether their paper is accepted for presentation at the workshop.

Paper presenters are expected to discuss one other paper during the workshop. The discussant assignments will be made by the workshop organizers at a later date. As the workshop intends to build a network in this research area, participation is welcome even without paper contributions.

**Registration, Registration Fee and Accommodation**

All participants have to register for the workshop and pay the registration fee. Please note that paper submission is not regarded as registration. After your registration, you will receive a confirmation e-mail. We offer you the possibility to register with or without accommodation.

**1. Registration without Accommodation**

The registration fee for presenting and non-presenting participants is:

- 120 EUR (for INFER members)
- 150 EUR (for others)

(Please note that the annual INFER membership fee is only 25 EUR)

This fee includes all lunches, conference refreshments and the conference dinner (October 20). It does not include travel or accommodation costs and so participants here are expected to arrange their own accommodation.

**2. Registration with Accommodation**

The registration fee for presenting and non-presenting participants is:

- 350 EUR (for INFER members)
400 EUR (for others)
(Please note that the annual INFER membership fee is only 25 EUR)

This fee includes all lunches, conference refreshments and the conference dinner (October 20). It does not include travel costs. It also includes a maximum of 3 nights accommodation (single room + breakfast) in the Irish College in Leuven, i.e. the conference venue. The Irish College is a recently renovated historical building in the centre of Leuven that offers modern facilities (including free internet). This arrangement is very favourably priced compared to general hotel prices in Leuven. Additional nights can be booked at 100 EUR per night.

**Registration can be completed in two ways.**

**Registration Option 1:**

Please register and pay the registration fee on the INFER website (www.infer-research.net). Payment can be conducted via PayPal on the website. Note that you can use the same website to become an INFER member.

**Registration Option 2:**

Register by sending an e-mail to econ-history@globalization.be

Payment can be conducted via bank transfer by mentioning your name and ‘Economic History Workshop Leuven’. Please transfer the fee to the INFER account in Germany:

- HypoVereinsbank Ludwigshafen
- Account No.: 3 020 219 997
- Bank Code: 545 201 94

For international transactions please use the International Bank Account Number (IBAN) and the SWIFT-Code:

- IBAN: DE33 5452 0194 3020 2199 97
- SWIFT (BIC): HYVEDEMM483

**Deadline for registration and payment: August 25, 2011.**

In case of late registration, the fees will be increased by 50%.

**Location and Travelling**

The workshop takes place at the Irish College in Leuven that hosts the Leuven Centre for Irish Studies. Address: Janseniussstraat 1, B-3000 Leuven, Belgium.

Leuven is a very nice, historical and lively city close to Brussels. The Catholic University of Leuven (K.U.Leuven) was established in 1425 and currently has an excellent international
reputation in many research areas. More information about Leuven can be found at: www.leuven.be. More information about the university is available at www.kuleuven.be.

Travelling to Leuven is rather easy. It is best to fly to Brussels Airport and then take a direct train from the airport to Leuven which takes 15 minutes. The Leuven Centre for Irish Studies is about 20 minutes walking distance from the Leuven Railway Station.


Alternatively one can travel to Belgium by low-fare airlines, which often fly to Brussels South Airport (Charleroi). You then take a bus to Brussels (minimum 1 hour, depending on traffic), followed by a train to Leuven. It is not very convenient to travel this way, but it is likely to be cheaper. For more information: http://www.charleroi-airport.com/

When making your travel arrangements, please take into account that all presentations will take place between October 20 (starting at 9 am) and October 21 (ending at 6 pm).

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