



Conference:
What Drives Development?
Economic History meets Development Economics

Organized by the Centre for Global Economic History
 Utrecht University

In cooperation with
 Pharmaccess, Amsterdam

Venue:
 Fundatie van Renswoude
 Agnietenstraat 5
 3512 XA Utrecht

Time:
 14.00 -17.30 (13.30: doors
 open, coffee)



On the 17th of June the Centre for Global Economic History at Utrecht University will organise a workshop on the theme: *What Drives Development? Economic History meets Development Economics*. Both groups – economic historians and development economists – have much in common: they study the process of (long-term) development, in many cases using the same theoretical approaches, the same methods and techniques and similar datasets. The question is how they can learn from each other; what, for example, the study of the emergence of ‘modern’ institutions and patterns of development in Western Europe can tell us about similar processes in other parts of the world in more recent times? Or: how can the long, historical view on African economic development, inform us about its present prospects? The aim of the workshop is to further intensify the discussion between economic historians and development economists. The workshop is organized together with Pharmaccess, an Amsterdam based NGO in the field of health care, which has developed a keen interest in the lessons that can be drawn from history.



The workshop is also the official launch of the Centre for Global Economic History (CGEH), which is the platform for pioneering research into the long term evolution of the world economy and its components at Utrecht University. Our key themes of research are institutions, economic growth and inequality. One of the main objectives of the CGEH is to attempt to quantify the long term changes in the world economy in order to test more carefully theories from social sciences about the causes behind the wealth and poverty of nations (see the overview of projects and conferences at www.cgeh.nl)

The programme and the papers to be discussed are as follows:

- 14.00 - 14.15: Jan Luiten van Zanden (UU) Introduction: plans and projects of CGEH
- 14.15 - 14.30: Tine De Moor (UU) *Learning from LDCs. Resource management via institutions for collective action.*
- 14.30 - 14.45: Ewout Frankema (UU) *Structural impediments to African growth? Countervailing evidence from real wages in British Africa, 1880-1960*
- 14.45 - 15.00: Joost Jonker, Oscar Gelderblom, Heidi Deneweth (UU) *Financial development and economic growth: a view from below*
- 15.00 - 15.30: Discussion
- 15.30 - 16.00: Break, coffee and tea
- 16.00 - 16.15: Onno Schellekens (Pharmaccess) *When markets fail: a new development paradigm*
- 16.15 - 16.30: Irene van Staveren (ISS) *An Exploratory Cross Country Analysis of Gendered Institutions* (paper, pdf)
- 16.30 - 16.45: Dirk Bezemer (RUG) *Indigenous Slavery in Africa's History: Conditions and Consequences* (abstract)
- 16.45 - 17.15: Discussion
- 17.15: Drinks

Discussant: Jan Willem Gunning (VU)

For more information and registration: please email cgeh@uu.nl

