

Friends of the ANU Centre for Economic History,

Winter is coming (or has already come in the southern hemisphere), and that means the start of another academic term. We are happy to announce a slate of visitors and activities for the second half of this year, including a workshop on international financial history with keynote speaker Professor Barry Eichengreen (preliminary program attached); the third Australasian Cliometrics Workshop (Sydney); and recent publications from Centre affiliates. Thanks again for your interest in the Centre and support for economic history.

John Tang, CEH Director

Featured Economic Historian: Kris Inwood

Kris Inwood is Professor of Economics and History at the University of Guelph, where he has been on the faculty since 1986, and is founding Director of the Historical Data Research Unit at Guelph. He studied at Trent University and at the University of Toronto where he received his PhD in 1984. Kris has been widely involved in international research networks and has served for two decades as secretary of the Canadian Network for Economic History. He also has strong links to Australia and is Associate-editor of the *Australian Economic History Review*. He has been a frequent visitor to the ANU, and we were pleased to welcome him back in June-July this year.

In his early career Kris focused his research on industrial development in Canada, in particular the charcoal iron industry, which was the subject of his first book. He followed this up with an analysis of the spread of industry in Canada, discontinuities in Canadian economic growth, and a study of the development of the Maritime Provinces.

Kris has an abiding interest in microdata from the census and other sources. With the Historical Data Research Unit he has constructed databases from the unit records of the Canadian censuses of 1871 and 1891 (and is now working on 1861). These have been used to explore demographic development, landholding and wealth. A recent project explores new methods of record linkage between censuses.

In the last ten years Kris has developed his interests in health and heights. He has assembled databases from army records and prison records from all over the English-speaking world. These have been used to shed new light on trends in health and welfare of little known groups such as the population of post-convict Tasmania and the Maori in New Zealand.

Not surprisingly, Kris has a wide range of collaborators around the world, including some at the ANU. With Martine Mariotti he has been comparing the stature of servicemen in South Africa, Australia, Canada and Britain. And with Tim Hatton he has been working on the household determinants of the health and height of World War I servicemen in Great Britain. We look forward to welcoming him back in the near future. -TH

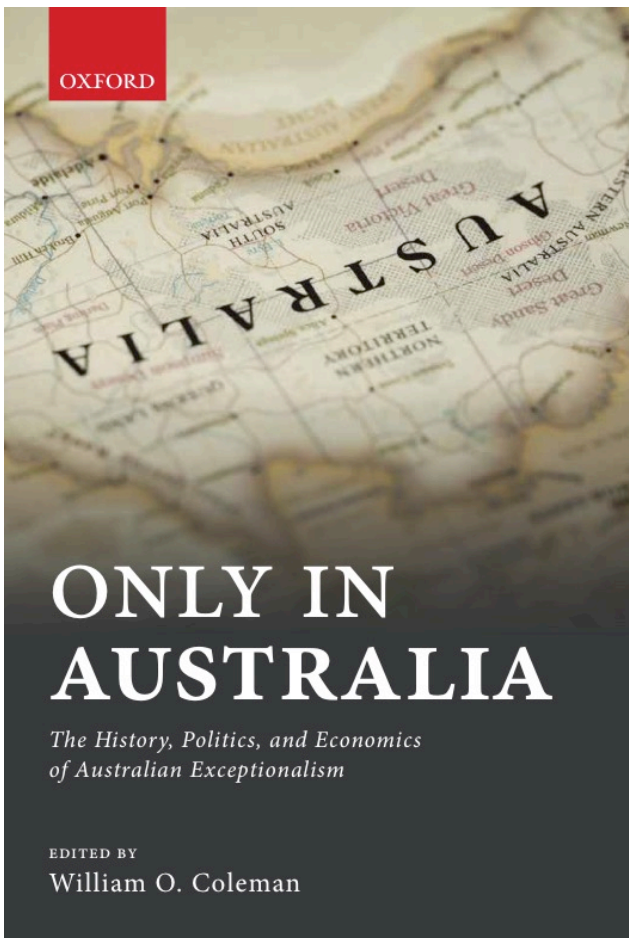


CEH affiliate and professor Kris Inwood
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***New Publication:
Only in Australia, edited by William Coleman***



This edited volume is about the Australian difference and how Australia's economic and social policy has diverged from the approach of other countries. Australia seems to be following a 'special path' of its own that it laid down more than a century ago. Australia's distinctive bent is manifested in a tightly regulated labour market; a heavy reliance on means testing and income taxation; a geographical centralization of political power combined with its dispersal amongst autonomous authorities, and electoral singularities such as compulsory and preferential voting.

In seeking to explain this Australian Exceptionalism, the book covers a diverse range of issues: the strength and weakness of religion, democratic and undemocratic tendencies, the poverty of public debate, the role of elites, the exploitation of Australian sports stars, the politics of railways, the backwardness of agriculture, deviation from the Westminster system, the original encounter between European and Aboriginal cultures, and the heavy taxation of tobacco.

Bringing together contributions from economists, economic historians, and political scientists, the volume seeks to understand why Australia is different. It offers a range of explanations from the 'historical legacy', to material factors, historical chance, and personalities.

Dr. William Coleman is a Reader in the Research School of Economics at ANU. He has written extensively on monetary policy, political economy, and the contested position of economics in society. -OUP

Upcoming Centre Visitors

- A/Prof. Mauricio Drelichman (University of British Columbia)
- Prof. Barry Eichengreen (University of California, Berkeley)
- Dr. Katherine Eriksson (University of California, Davis)
- A/Prof. Rui Esteves (University of Oxford)
- Prof. David Jacks (Simon Fraser University)
- Prof. Chris Meissner (University of California, Davis)
- Dr. Lyndon Moore (University of Melbourne)
- Dr. Florian Ploeckl (University of Adelaide)

Save the Date: 2016 AusClio Sydney

Already in its third year, the Australasian Cliometrics Workshop will be hosted by the University of Sydney on **4 November 2016**. AusClio is an annual one-day meeting of economic historians in Australasia and abroad, with a focus on quantitative research and extensive discussion during the meeting. The keynote speaker is Professor Mauricio Drelichman (University of British Columbia), and the full program will be published in the next issue of this newsletter.

While the call for papers has passed (there is always next year), those interested in attending or have questions about the conference should contact the local organizer Dr. Jordi Vidal-Robert (jordi.vidal-robert@sydney.edu.au). -JT

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New Publications (cont.)

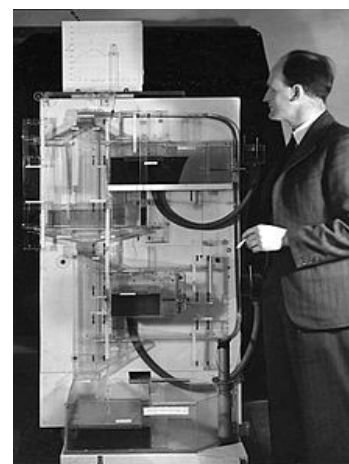
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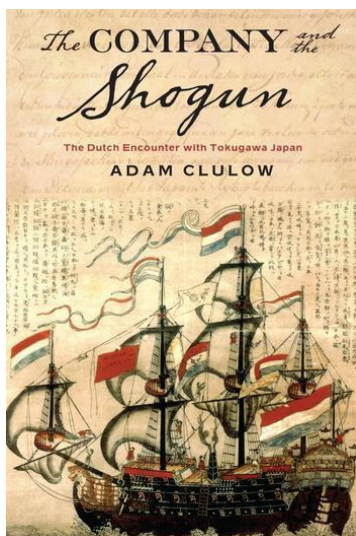
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Phillips and his MONIAC
(Photo: Wikipedia)

Tim Hatton, "Stature and Sibship: Historical Evidence," *History of the Family* (forthcoming).



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Centre for Economic History Discussion Paper Series

The CEH website hosts a discussion paper series on a variety of topics in economic history. Recent additions include the following (CEH affiliate in **bold**):

2016-04 "European Integration and Australian Manufacturing Industry: The Case of Philips Electronics, 1960s-1970s", by **Pierre van der Eng**

Centre affiliates and visitors are encouraged to submit working papers to the series. All papers are available at: <https://www.rse.anu.edu.au/research/research/ceh-working-papers/>



Conference Announcement
**Workshop on International Financial
 History**
27 October 2016

Goldsmith Lecture

Barry Eichengreen
 (University of California, Berkeley)
 “The Global Monetary Order: Insights from Economic History”

Workshop Programme

Rui Esteves
 (Oxford University)
 “Gold and Trade: An Empirical Simulation Approach”

Lyndon Moore
 (University of Melbourne)
 “Foreign Participation in Initial Public Offerings”.

Christopher Meissner
 (University of California, Davis)
 TBA

Barry Eichengreen
 (University of California, Berkeley)
 “Cables, Sharks and Servers: Technology and the Geography of the
 Foreign Exchange Market”

David Jacks
 (Simon Fraser University)
 “Market Potential and Global Growth over the Long Twentieth Century”

Florian Ploeckl
 (University of Adelaide)
 “International Postal Money Order Flows, 1880s-1930s”

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*The workshop will be held in the Fred Gruen Suite, H. W. Arndt Building,
 Kingsley Street, ANU from 9.30am to 5.00pm. Lunch and light
 refreshments will be provided.*

The Goldsmith Lecture will take place at TBA, from 6pm to 7.30pm.

**For more information and/or to register to attend, please contact
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