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Friends of the ANU Centre for Economic History,

Welcome to this issue of the CEH newsletter. It includes the programme for an upcoming CEH/EHSANZ symposium and notice of funding and extended deadline for the AusClio meeting in November. Also inside is a conference report and a tribute to William Coleman. Once again, thanks for your interest in the Centre for Economic History.

Tim Hatton, CEH Director

***Symposium: Australasian Economic History
Past Reflections and Future Opportunities***

The CEH and the Economic History Society of Australia and New Zealand will host the symposium online and in person at the ANU on 26th August 2022. It will include presentations on the past developments in economic history and new approaches, methods and resources as well as future directions in teaching. Please register for the symposium [here](#).

The day will conclude with the launch of Claire Wright's book: *Australian Economic History: Transformations of an Interdisciplinary Field*. Please register for the book launch [here](#).

PROGRAMME

Session 1: 9am-10.20am

Claire Wright (UTS), "Australian economic history and the future of interdisciplinarity"
Lionel Frost (Monash), "Reflections on the work of the Economic History Society of Australia and New Zealand"
Kris Inwood (Guelph), "Australia in the *Australian Economic History Review*"

Morning tea: 10.20am-10.40am

Session 2: 10.40am-midday

Frank Bongiorno and Nick Brown (ANU), "Teaching Australian Economic History at the Australian National University (as a non-economic historian)"
Sascha Becker (Monash), "Forced migration in history"
Henry Reese (UOW/Melbourne), "Trading and Exchanging Nature. The Entangled Mobility of Nineteenth-Century Science"

Lunch: midday-1pm

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Session 3: 1pm-2.20pm

John Tang (Melbourne), "Gatekeeping and gender discrimination: evidence from the economics discipline"

Pauline Grosjean (UNSW), "Masculinity Norms, Gender Roles, and Australia's Convict Past"

Florian Ploeckl (Adelaide), "Integrating Economic History into an Economics Bachelor program: Data Visualization and Software"

Hamish Maxwell-Stewart (UNE), "Putting Death in its Place: The Future of Life Course Analysis in Australia"

Afternoon tea: 2.20-2.40pm

Session 4: 2.40-4pm

Matthew Bailey (Macquarie), "Integrating business and urban history"

David Gilchrist (UWA), "Philosophy, Politics and Economics: Turning Full Circle"

Jim McAloon (VUW), "Economic history: the view from a history department"

Book launch: 4.30-6.30pm

Street Theatre Café

Australian Economic History: Transformations of an Interdisciplinary Field, by Claire E. F. Wright

Launched by Lionel Frost, President of the Economic History Society of Australia and New Zealand



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9th Australasian Cliometrics Workshop Updates: Call for Papers Extended and Funding for Speakers

The 9th Australasian Cliometrics Workshop will be held on Friday, 4th November 2022, at the Australian National University. We plan to return to in-person presentations and attendance. Following the established Clio format of short presentations, discussant comments and substantial discussion by the audience, accepted papers will be distributed in advance to participants with the expectation of an engaged contribution.

There is no workshop theme, submissions to all topics in Economic History are welcomed. The workshop is supported and hosted by the Research School of Economics at the Australian National University.

The deadline for extended abstracts or full papers has now been extended to 18th August 2022. Notifications will be made in late August, and full papers will be due by 21st October (two weeks before the workshop). To submit an abstract or paper as well as to RSVP to attend (including willingness to serve as a discussant), please send an email to tim.hatton@anu.edu.au or martine.mariotti@anu.edu.au. Early career scholars and graduate students are particularly encouraged to apply.

Registration is free and catering will be provided to in person participants. **We will provide one night of hotel accommodation and travel expenses within Australia for presenters and discussants.** Thanks, and we look forward to seeing you in Canberra.



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 to the series are as follows:

- 2022-03 [Church and State in Historical Political Economy](#) by Sascha O. Becker & Steven Pfaff
- 2022-04 [Surviving the Deluge: British Servicemen in World War I](#) by Roy E. Bailey & Timothy J. Hatton & Kris Inwood
- 2022-05 [The Rise and Fall and Rise \(?\) of Economic History in Australia](#) by Andrew Seltzer & Martin Shanahan & Claire Wright
- 2022-06 [Securities Trading in an Emerging Market: Indonesia, 1890s-1950s](#) by Pierre van der Eng

Centre affiliates and visitors are encouraged to submit working papers to the series. All papers are available at: <https://ideas.repec.org/s/auu/hpaper.html>

Featured Economic Historian: William Coleman

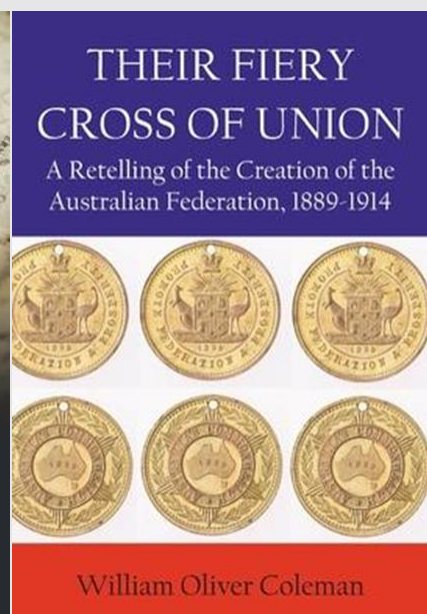
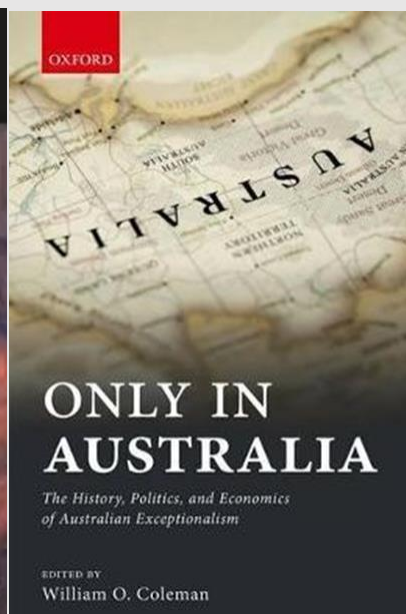
We mark the retirement of William Coleman after 16 years at the ANU. After receiving his PhD at the London School of Economics, William had spells at Victoria University of Wellington, the University of Tasmania and Cambridge University. Arriving at the ANU in 2006, he took on a wide range of teaching that included the history of economic thought and macroeconomics as well as serving for brief stints in senior administration.



William Coleman

William has written extensively on inflation, the history of economic thought and the contested position of economics in society. Unusually for an economist, his landmark publications take the form of a string of books, for which he has received widespread praise. As reviewers have often observed, William’s penetrating argument and often iconoclastic conclusions have marked him out as a truly original thinker. For example, his most recent book challenges the orthodoxy that sees Australian Federation in 1901 as an unalloyed blessing. Instead, he argues that it was the result of political intrigues, was badly designed and was injurious to Australia’s economic welfare.

Apart from being an indefatigable thinker and researcher, William has been an influential speaker in a variety of academic and public forums and he has been instrumental in many academic societies, notably as CEO of the History of Economic Thought Society of Australia from 2000 to 2007. And since 2007 he has been the editor of the economics and policy journal *Agenda*. His departure from the ANU leaves a hard-to-fill gap but we wish him a happy retirement. --TH



Recent books by William Coleman

Globalization and Development in Asia and Africa, 1800-2020 Conference Report

As if to mark the growing research interest in the economic history of both regions, the economic history group at Wageningen University in The Netherlands organised a conference that brought colleagues with research interests in either continent together.

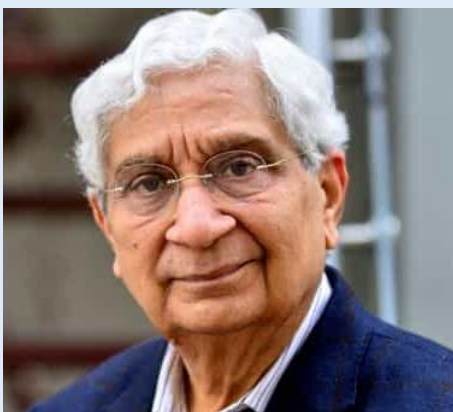
The theme of the conference was globalisation and its effects on the economies of Asian and Africa. Rather than re-state old perceptions on these effects, both the 16 papers presented at the conference and the discussion drew on various new developments in economic history and economics which have encouraged new research in the economic history of both regions. The published work of Bob Allen on welfare ratios in urban areas around the world, Jeff Williamson's work on long-term changes in the terms of trade and deindustrialisation, as well as the work of Daron Acemoglu and James Robinson on the persistent effects of inclusive and extractive institutions seem to have encouraged new research.

So far, there have been few attempts to compare the long-term development experiences of Africa and Asia. The Wageningen conference was arguably a first effort to that effect. It combined the research interests of Dutch colleagues Pim de Zwart and Ewout Frankema and their collaborators in the economic history of respectively Asia and Africa.

Several papers and certainly the ensuing discussion confirmed that there are significant parallels between Southeast Asia and Africa, in terms of



Pim de Zwart and Ewout Frankema



Deepak Nayyar

relatively low population densities and significant dependencies of economies on commodity production for export, both in a distant and more recent past. Such similarities contributed to the development of persistent institutions that in various ways distinguish those regions of the world from the more densely populated parts of Asia in the past, particularly India, China and Japan.

The keynote lecturer was Deepak Nayyar from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, who discussed 'Globalization, History and Development: A Tale of Two Centuries', drawing on his various publications, including his 2019 book *Resurgent Asia: Diversity in Development*.

Altogether 16 papers were presented and discussed. To give a glimpse, a few examples. Giovanni Federico (NYU-Abu Dhabi) analysed colonial trade ties and export growth in less-developed

Globalization and Development in Asia and Africa—contd.

countries. Markus Lampe (Vienna University of Economics and Business) discussed his work on the impact of trade protection in interwar India. Tom Westland (ex-ANU, now at Wageningen University) assessed the increases in urban rests during cash crop booms and their impact on welfare rations in Africa. Kate Frederick (Utrecht University) discussed her research with Elise van Nederveen Meerkerk on the resilience of textile manufacturing in Africa and Southeast Asia during 1860-1960. Jessica Vechbanyongratana (Chulalongkorn University) detailed the impact of the 1901 Land Title Deed Act in Thailand on property rights in agricultural land the expansion of land markets in Thailand. And Robrecht Declercq (Ghent University) analysed the ways the business relations between Belgium and the Congo persisted after decolonisation in 1960. -- PvdE

Announcement: 33rd HETSA Conference

The 33rd Conference of the History of Economic Thought Society of Australia will take place on 22nd and 23rd September at the Monash Convention Center in Melbourne. There is a link to the conference on the HETSA website at: <https://www.hetsa.org.au/>, which includes registration.

In addition to the two day programme (to appear in the HETSA website), the event will feature distinguished international guests: Sue Howson (Canada), Ashwani Saith (India) and Tatsuya Sakamoto (Japan). There will also be an editorial board meeting and a business meeting for HETSA.

Places are filling up but it is still possible to submit a paper to: a.millmow@federation.edu.au.

There will be free Pre-conference drinks on 21st September from 5.30pm until 7.30pm at the Kelvin Club in Melbourne Place, just off Exhibition St, Melbourne. The conference dinner from 7pm on 22nd September will be at Level 35 Restaurant in the Sofitel Hotel, Collins St.

The registration fee of \$A240 covers lunches on both days and also morning and afternoon teas. Please pay the registration fee on the EVENTBRITE website. The conference dinner and drinks will be \$A115—please pay to the HETSA bank account or send directly to Alex Millmow.

Accommodation: the nearest hotel is the Sofitel and the Windsor is just 3 minutes' walk away. There are other hotels nearby and it is worth making an early reservation to get a good price.

Alex Millmow, conference convenor, Email: a.millmow@federation.edu.au, Tel: 0414 844 836.

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