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2026 MEETING OF THE ECONOMIC HISTORY ASSOCIATION
18–20 SEPTEMBER 2026

The eighty-sixth annual meeting of the Economic History Association will be held in St. Louis, Missouri on 18–20 September 2026. The theme of the meeting is "Structure and Change in Economic History." The papers chosen are as follows.

SESSION 1: CULTURE AND KNOWLEDGE

Alexander Taylor, *University of Evansville*, and Jacob Hall, *The Ohio State University*, "The King's French: The Political Economy of Language"

Chicheng Ma, *University of Hong Kong*, and Maoran Lin, *University of Hong Kong*, "Distance to Bacon: The Search for the Culture of Growth in Historical China"

Pablo Zarate, *University of Mannheim, ZEW Mannheim*, "Migration, Diffusion of Ideas and the Rise of the American Labor Movement: Evidence from the American Civil War"

SESSION 2: INSTITUTIONS AND BELIEFS

Matthias Weigand, *Harvard University*, Cathrin Mohr, *Kiel Institute and the University of Hamburg*, and Davide Cantoni, *LMU Munich*, "Identity and Institutional Change: Evidence from First Names in Germany, 1700–1850"

Neil Cummins, *London School of Economics*, and Aurelius Noble, *Transkribus*, "Quantifying Belief in God. The Long Run Decline of Sincere Faith in England 1300–1850"

Yifan Zhang, *Northwestern University*, "The Transmission of Son Preference"

SESSION 3: FINANCE AND CULTURE

Luisa Bicalho Ritzkat, *London School of Economics*, "Painted Lemons: Evidence from the Art Market on the Importance of Credibility for Information"

James (Landin) Smith, *University of Mississippi*, and Daria Bakhareva, *University of Mississippi*, "Credit Without Color Lines: Chinese Grocers and Black Migration in the Mississippi Delta"

Riccardo Di Cato, *University of California, San Diego*, and Jiachen Li, *Renmin University of China*, "Seeds of Market-Based Capitalism: Christian Missionaries and China's Modernization"

SESSION 4: SLAVERY AND LAND REFORM

Karine van der Beek, *Ben-Gurion University of the Negev*, Tomer Ifergane, *Tel Aviv University and LSE*, Walker Ray, *Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, LSE, and CEPR*, and Lior Farbman, *Ben-Gurion University of the Negev and The Bank of Israel*, "Land Reforms in Developing Financial Markets: Lessons from England's Land Enclosures 1750–1830"

Tim Kooijmans, *National Taiwan University*, Abe de Jong, *University of Groningen*, and Peter Koudijs, *New York University*, "Finance and the Slave Trade"

Adam Tucker, *University of Maryland College Park*, "Land of the Free or Home of the Enslaved? Slavery, Institutions, and Wealth Transmission in Colonial Maryland"

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SESSION 5: FIRMS AND INNOVATION

Cihan Artunç, *Middlebury College*, and Seven Agir, *Middle East Technical University*, "Same Old Business: Legal Forms and Firm Dynamics of Entry, Exit, and Reorganization"

Ashley Wong, *Columbia University*, Andrew T. Hendrickson, *Tilburg University*, and Francesca Truffa, *University of Michigan*, "The Diversity Paradox: Evidence from College Coeducation"

Marvin Suesse, *Trinity College Dublin*, and Elena Korchmina, *University of Bologna*, "Minorities and Industrialisation: Evidence from the Russian Empire"

SESSION 6: HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT

Matthew Curtis, *University of Southern Denmark,* and Vincent Geloso, *George Mason University*, "Canadian Evidence on the American Antebellum Puzzle"

Molly Ball, *University of Rochester*, "Beyond GDP per Capita and Fertility in São Paulo, Brazil: Birth Outcomes in the Hospital Maternidade, 1915–1970"

Shizhuo Wang, *New York University*, "Screwworms"

SESSION 7: HUMAN CAPITAL

Taylor Jaworski, *University of Colorado Boulder*, Carl Kitchens, *Florida State University*, and Luke Rodgers, *Florida State University*, "Human Capital Decisions in Resource Booms"

Daniela Vidart, *University of Connecticut*, "Learning by Mail: The Impact of Correspondence Schools in Early 20th Century America"

Fernanda Rojas, *University of Wisconsin-Madison*, and Gabriel Cruz, *University of Maryland*, "My Mother Was a Suffragette: The Intergenerational Effects of Women's Right to Vote"

SESSION 8: IDEOLOGY AND STATE CAPACITY

Eric Robertson, *University of Virginia*, "Economic Ideas and Policy Implementation: Evidence from Malthusian Training in British Indian Bureaucracy"

Gerda Asmus-Bluhm, *University of Hohenheim*, Marvin Suesse, *Trinity College Dublin*, Andrei Markevich, *University of Helsinki*, and Julia Zimmermann, *Universidad Carlos III Madrid*, "Institutional Reform and Revolutionary Mobilization: Evidence from Late Imperial Russia"

Kexin Feng, *Yale University*, and Elizaveta Brover, *Yale University*, "Rise of the Red: Ideology and Dissent in Early Republican China"

SESSION 9: IMMIGRATION

Hannah Postel, *Duke University*, and David Escamilla-Guerrero, *University of Saint Andrews*, "The Impact of Immigration Restrictions on Third-Country Economies: Evidence from the Chinese Exclusion Act"

Sergio Eduardo Lopez Araiza Bejar, *Northwestern University*, "Overnight Americans: Economic Assimilation of Mexican Crossed by the Border"

Jose-Antonio Espin-Sanchez, *Yale University*, Leticia Arroyo Abad, *City University of New York*, Joseph Price, *Brigham Young University*, and Chris Vickers, *Auburn University*, "From Immigrants to Emigrants: Puerto Rico in the Age of Mass Migration"

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SESSION 10: INDUSTRIAL POLICY

Alonso Ahumada Paras, *University of Edinburgh*, "Can Protective Tariffs Induce Industrial Consolidations? Theory and Evidence from the Great Merger Movement"
Christopher Meissner, *University of California, Davis*, and Alexander Klein, *University of Sussex*, "Tariffs and Manufacturing Productivity: New Evidence from the Gilded Age"
Anne Schaller, *Saint Louis University*, and John Mayo, *Georgetown University*, "A Fresh Look at the Origins and Impetus for Antitrust"

SESSION 11: INEQUALITY AND SOCIAL MOBILITY

Beau Bressler, *University of California, Davis*, "Building Segregation: The Long-Run Neighborhood Effects of American Public Housing"
Shih-Yen Pan, *University of Massachusetts, Amherst*, and John Clegg, *University of Massachusetts, Amherst*, "High Water Everywhere: Carceral Effects of the 1927 Great Mississippi Flood"
Yu Qiu, *University of Pittsburgh*, "Fathers in Offices, Sons in Jobs: Intergenerational Returns to Local Political Offices"

SESSION 12: INSURANCE

Andrew Sinclair, *California Institute of Technology*, Yaohua Li, *Shanghai University of Finance and Economics*, and Sicheng Zhao, *Tsinghua University*, "Confucian Clans as Financial Intermediaries: Why Insurance Thrived but Banking Lagged in China"
Pawel Janas, *California Institute of Technology*, "Mobilization Savings, Shaping Regions: The Financial Geography of U.S. Life Insurance"
Mallory Hope, *University of Wisconsin-Madison*, and Guillaume Wegmueller, *California Institute of Technology*, "Two Shores, One Market? A Test of Insurance Market Integration between Britain and France, 1769–1771"

SESSION 13: RACE AND INEQUALITY

John Clegg, *University of Massachusetts, Amherst*, and Michael Weaver, *The University of British Columbia*, "Counterfactual Reparations: The Effects of Federal Wealth Transfers to Black Sailors during the Reconstruction Era"
Taylan Alpkaya, *University of Mannheim*, "Legacy of Servitude"
Richard Bluhm, *University of Stuttgart*, *CESifo*, Luca Perdoni, *ifo Institute, LMU Munich*, and Julian Wichert, *Leibniz University Hannover*, "Rethinking Redlining: Environmental Inequality within and between U.S. Neighborhoods"

SESSION 14: LABOR MARKETS

Amy Cross, *University of Alaska, Anchorage*, "Which Men Didn't Go 'Over There'?: WWI Dependency Deferments and Women's Labor Force Participation"
Huixin Bi, *Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City*, Nora Traum, *HEC Montreal*, Nicolas Petrosky-Nadeau, *Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco*, and Greg Woodward, *Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City*, "Worker and Firm Search in the Labor Market: Evidence from Classified Advertisements"
Yicheng Chen, *Boston University*, "The G.I. Bill Beyond College: Credit, Training, and the Rise of Veteran Farmers"

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SESSION 15: MIGRATION

Latika Chaudhary, *Naval Postgraduate School*, James Fenske, *University of Warwick*, and Yannick Dupraz, *French National Center for Scientific Research*, "A Century of Language Barriers to Migration in India"

Steven Smith, *Colorado School of Mines*, Eric Alston, *University of Colorado*, Bryan Leonard, *University of Wyoming*, and Joseph Price, *Brigham Young University*, "Ownership in the Land of Opportunity: Land Rights and Economic Mobility in American History"

Yi-Ju Hung, *National Chung Cheng University*, and Jack Chapel, *University of Southern California*, "The Great Migration and Southern Inequality"

SESSION 16: POLITICAL ECONOMY

Giacomo Domini, *Utrecht University*, Mario Daniele Amore, *Bocconi University*, and Samuele Murtinu, *Utrecht University*, "Radical Political Ideology and Entrepreneurship: Evidence from Twentieth-Century Italy"

John Zhang, *London School of Economics*, "Welfare Retrenchment and Social Unrest"

Netanel Ben Porath, *Northwestern University* (visiting MIT), "Democratizing Education? Schooling as an Elite Strategy in Times of Reform"

SESSION 17: PUBLIC HEALTH

Martin Saavedra, *Rutgers University*, "Legislating Longevity: State Public Health Laws and Mortality in the Early Twentieth Century"

Tamar Matiashvili, *Stanford University*, "Talent, Trust, and Health: The Effects of the First Female Physicians"

Chris de Mena, *University of California, Davis*, "Relative Responsibility: Compulsory Support of Elderly Parents"

SESSION 18: TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT

Mark Hup, *Chinese University of Hong Kong*, and Pim de Zwart, *Wageningen University*, "International Trade, Commodity Production and the Skill Premium: Evidence from Colonial Indonesia"

Leigh Gardner, *London School of Economics*, "From the Outside In: Imperial Preference and American Trade with Colonial Africa"

Peiyuan Li, *Duke Kunshan University*, and Kang Zhou, *Zhejiang University*, "Nixon's Visit to China: Technology Transfer, Fertilizer Plants, and Development in Pre-Reform China"

SESSION 19: UNIONS

Harrison Chang, *University of Toronto Economics Department*, "Economic Depression and Labor Union Formation: Evidence from the Panic of 1873"

Miriam Venturini, *University of California, Riverside*, "The Imperfect Union: Labor Racketeering, Corruption Exposure, and Its Consequences"

Po-Shyan Wu, *Indiana University, Bloomington*, "Assault on the Low-Wage Economy: Federal Wage-Hour Law and Southern Industrial Development"

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SESSION 20: CONFLICT AND DEVELOPMENT

Gabriel Leon-Ablan, *King's College London*, "Slave Revolts and Emancipation: Evidence from the British Empire"

Kaiqi Liu, *Maastricht University*, and Hannes Rusch, *Max Planck Institute for the Study of Crime, Security and Law*, "Slave Raiding"

Tuan-Hwee Sng, *National University of Singapore*, "When Peace Made the State: State Capacity in Song China"

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