

**Convergence/Divergence:
New Approaches to the Global History of Capitalism**

28-29 September 2019

Amersi Foundation Lecture Room, Brasenose College

Saturday 28th September

8:30am: Registration (Amersi Foundation Lecture Room). Tea/coffee available in Medieval Kitchen.

9:00am: Welcome and introduction – Christopher McKenna, Jeremy Adelman, Andrew Edwards

9:10am: **Panel 1:** The European Miracle or Pre-Orient? Early Modern Convergence Tales as Rival Narratives

Chair: James Belich (Oxford)

Alejandra Irigoin (LSE), 'The Limits of Reciprocal Comparisons: Money and Trade Finance in the Early Modern Period'

Andrew Edwards (Oxford), 'The Spaces In Between: What is Global about the History of Capitalism?'

Rebecca Karl (NYU), 'The World Historical in China's Twentieth Century: Perspectives on Modernity, Globalization and Globality'

10:40am: Tea/coffee break (Medieval Kitchen)

11:10am: **Panel 2:** The Great Divergence: Timing and Causality 20 years later

Chair: Sebastian Conrad (Free University, Berlin)

Leandro Prados de la Escosura (Carlos III, Madrid), 'Did the Little Divergence within Europe and America contribute to the Great Divergence?'

Bishnu Gupta (Warwick), 'Asia and the Great Divergence'

Kaoru Sugihara (Kyoto), 'The Great Acceleration in Asia: Beyond 'Coal and North America''

12:40pm Lunch (Servery/Dining Hall)

2:00pm: **Panel 3:** Catastrophe or Liberation? Capitalism or Environment? Anthropocene, Energy, and Global Capitalism

Chair: Gareth Austin (Cambridge)

William Clarence-Smith (SOAS), 'Industry in the Global South, 1840s-1940s: Unfinished Business'

Tirthankar Roy (LSE), 'Water and the Economic History of India'

Eli Cook (Haifa), 'The Great Intellectual Divergence: Alexander Hamilton and the Global Origins of Environmental Investmentality'

3:30pm: Tea/coffee break (Medieval Kitchen)



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4:00pm: **Panel 4:** Technology, Institutions and Divergence: Arguments and Counterarguments About Rise and Fall, Success and Failure
Chair: Christopher McKenna (Oxford)

Patrick O'Brien (LSE), 'Cosmographical Foundations for the Promotion of Embryo Sciences and Proto-technologies in Pre-industrial Europe and Late Imperial China'

Dagmar Schäfer (Max Planck) & Giorgio Riello (EUI), 'Silk and Innovation in Pre-modern China and Europe'

Joel Mokyr (Northwestern), 'China and the West: Many Great Divergences?'

5:30pm: Close

5:45pm: Drinks reception, Brasenose College (Deer Park/Antechapel)

7:30pm: Dinner, Harris Manchester College

Sunday 29th September

9am: Tea/coffee (Medieval Kitchen)

9:30am: **Panel 5:** Labour and the Household, a Global History

Chair: Rowena Olegario (Oxford)

Andreas Eckert (Humboldt), 'Household, Wage Labour and Capitalist Transformations in 20th Century Africa'

Peter Hill (Oxford), 'Divisions of Labour: the Household and the Economy'

Mae Ngai (Columbia), 'Strange Legacies of Divergence: The Chinese Gold Mining Diaspora 1850-1910'

11:00am: Tea/coffee break (Medieval Kitchen)

11:30am: **Panel 6 (wrap up reflection):** History and Public Policy

Chair: Andrew Thompson (Oxford)

Jeremy Adelman (Princeton)

Patricia Clavin (Oxford)

Ravinder Kaur (Copenhagen)

1:00pm: Lunch (Serving/Dining Hall)



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