



Core seminar in Economic and Social History

University of Cambridge, Michaelmas 2019

Seminars begin at 5 pm in the Old Library, Darwin College (entrance on Silver St) and are followed by drinks and dinner with the speaker. All welcome.

10 October

Simon Szreter (Cambridge), Hilary Cooper (The Finance Foundation) and Ben Szreter (Behavioural Insights Team) *Drawing on History for Radical Policy: Incentivising an Ethical Economics*

17 October

Morgan Kelly (University College Dublin)
The Safety Revolution in Oceanic Shipping, c. 1780-1825

24 October

Tracy Dennison (Caltech)
The Political Economy of Serfdom: State Capacity and Institutional Change in Prussia and Russia

31 October

Cheng Yang (Cambridge)
The Occupational Structure of China (1736-1898) and the Great Divergence

7 November

Elise van Nederveen Meerkerk (Utrecht)
Women Workers of the World United. Towards a Global History of Households, Gender and Work

14 November

Guido Alfani (Bocconi University) and Matteo Di Tullio (University of Pavia)
Roundtable on *The Lion's Share: Inequality and the Rise of the Fiscal State in Preindustrial Europe* (2019)
Commentators: Craig Muldrew, Sheilagh Ogilvie, and Pedro Ramos Pinto

21 November

Alexandra Sapoznik (King's College London)
Did peasants plough? Agricultural technology and the growth of the medieval economy

28 November

Peter Scott (Henley Business School, University of Reading)
The anatomy of Britain's inter-war super-rich: reconstructing the 1928 'millionaire' population

5 December

Richard Smith (Cambridge)
The Tyranny of a Concept: the Origins of the European Marriage Pattern

The Core seminar combines multiple seminars: Medieval Economic and Social History; Early Modern Economic and Social History; Modern Economic and Social History; African Economic History; Global Economic History; Quantitative History; Financial History; the Centre for History and Economics; and the Cambridge Group for the History of Population and Social Structure. Their specialist seminar programmes do not run in Michaelmas term, but each meets separately again in Lent and (sometimes) Easter. The Core seminar is grateful for the support of Darwin College and for the generosity of the Trevelyan Fund. Seminar coordinators: Amy Erickson (ale25@cam.ac.uk), Leigh Shaw-Taylor (lmws2@cam.ac.uk), & Hillary Taylor (hat27@cam.ac.uk). For more details about Economic and Social History at Cambridge: www.econsoc.hist.cam.ac.uk.