Workshop "Elite human capital and the road to modernity: The East vs the West"
October 17-18, 2017

Conference venue: îlot Bernard Du Bois, Aix-Marseille Université, 5 Bd Bourdet 13001 Marseille > Amphithéâtre

October 17

[Morning] Chair: David de la Croix, Université Catholique de Louvain
8.45-9.00 Welcoming comments by Raouf Boucekkine, directeur de l’IMéRA
9.00-10.00 Eric Chaney, Harvard University
Religion and the Rise and Fall of Islamic Science
10.00-11.00 James Kung, Hong Kong University
Long Live Keju! The Persistent Effects of China’s Imperial Examination System, joint with Ting Chen and Chicheng Ma
11.00-11.30 Coffee-break
11.30-12.00 Alexandra de Pleijt, University of Oxford
Human Capital Formation during the First Industrial Revolution: Evidence from the Use of Steam Engines, joint with Alessandro Nuvolari and Jacob Weisdorf
12.00-12.30 Anton Howes, Brown University
The Relevance of Skills to Innovation during the British Industrial Revolution, 1547-1851
12.30-14.00 Lunch
[Afternoon] Chair: Raouf Boucekkine, AMSE-IMéRA
14.00-15.00 Joel Mokyr, Northwestern University
Bottom-up or top-down? The Origins of the Industrial Revolution
15.00-16.00 Etienne Wasmer, Sciences Po Paris
A Multi-language Database of Notable People (3000 BC-2015 AD), joint with Jean-Benoit Eyméoud, Olivier Gergaud and Morgane Laouenan
16.00-16.30 Coffee break
16.30-17.00 Robert Stelter, Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research
The Life Expectancy of University Professors in Central Europe from the Medieval Times to the 20th Century, joint with David de la Croix and Mikko Myrskylä
17.00-17.30 Eric Roca Fernández, Université Catholique de Louvain
"Now She Is Martha, then She Is Mary": The Influence of Beguineages on Attitudes Toward Women, joint with Annalisa Frigo

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9.00-10.00  Chair: Vincent Bignon, Banque de France
Felipe Valencia Caicedo, Bonn University
*Engineering Growth: Innovative Capacity and Development in the Americas*, joint with William F. Maloney

10.00-11.00  Peter Sandholt Jensen, University of Southern Denmark
*A Land of Milk and Butter: The Role of Elites for the Economic Development of Denmark*, joint with Markus Lampe, Paul Sharp and Christian Skovsgaard

11.00-11.30  Coffee break

11.30-12.00  Agnieszka Wysokinska, University of Warsaw and London School of Economics
*Institutions or Culture? Lessons for development from two natural experiments of history*

12.00-12.30  Nicolas Baumard, ENS Paris
*The Biology of Affluence and the Origins of Modern Growth*, joint with Jean-Baptiste André

12.30-14.00  Lunch

[Afternoon]
[Chair: Alice Fabre, AMSE]
14.00-15.00  Sascha Becker, Warwick University
*The Economic Effects of Catholic Censorship During the Counter-Reformation*, joint with Francisco J. Pino and Jordi Vidal-Robert

15.00-16.00  Jared Rubin, Chapman University
*Rulers, Religion, and Riches: Why the West Got Rich and the Middle East Did Not*

16.00-16.30  Coffee break

16.30-17.30  Jeremiah Dittmar, London School of Economics
*The Economic Origins of Modern Science: Technology, Institutions, and the Market for Ideas*

17.30-18.30  Jakob Madsen, Monash University
*Knowledge creation in the long-run*, joint with Cecilia García Peñalosa

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