

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE • FEBRUARY 25–26, 2011**



# Before and Beyond Europe: Economic Change in Historical Perspective

**HARKNESS HALL 119**

## Friday, February 25

### 1:15 pm: Opening Remarks

**Naomi Lamoreaux**

*Economics and History, Yale University*

### 1:30 – 3 pm: Islamic Law and Economic Development

**Chair: Timothy Guinnane** *Economics, Yale University*

**Baber Johansen** *Law School and Divinity School, Harvard University*

The Legal Personality (dhimma) in Islamic Law: How to Separate

Obligations from Goods and Secure Credit for the Insolvent

**Timur Kuran** *Economics and Political Science, Duke University*

Economic Modernization in Late British India: Hindu-Muslim

Differences

### Coffee break

### 3:30 – 5 pm: Indigenous and Foreign Economic Institutions in Africa

**Chair: Steven Nafziger** *Economics, Williams College*

**Ghislaine Lydon** *History, UCLA* Contracting Trust: Legal Institutions

and Enforcement Mechanisms in Early-Modern Saharan Trade

**Nathan Nunn** *Economics, Harvard University* Christians in

Colonial Africa

## Saturday, February 26

### 8:40 am: Coffee and light breakfast

### 9 – 10:30 am: Europe and China Compared

**Chair: Peter Perdue** *History, Yale University*

**Jean-Laurent Rosenthal** *Economics, California Institute of Technology*

and **R. Bin Wong** *History, UCLA* will present a preview of their new

book: *Before and Beyond Divergence: The Politics of Economic Change in*

*China and Europe* (Harvard University Press, 2011)

### Coffee break

### 11 am – 12:30 pm: Ancient Economies

**Chair: Joseph Manning** *Classics and History, Yale University*

**Ulrike Malmendier** *Economics, University of California-Berkeley*

Disentangling the Effects of Legal and Political Development

on Economic Growth: An Example From Entrepreneurship in

Ancient Rome

**Nicholas K. Rauh** *Classics, Purdue University* Landscape Ecology

and the End of Antiquity: The Archaeology of Deforestation in

South Coastal Turkey

### Buffet Lunch

### 1:30 – 3:00 pm: Medieval Trade

**Chair: Francesca Trivellato** *History, Yale University*

**Jessica Goldberg** *History, University of Pennsylvania*

Making Reputation Work: A New Look at the 'Maghribi Merchants'

Coalition and the Role of Reputation

**Quentin Van Doosselaere** *Paul Lazarsfeld Center for the Social Sciences,*

*Columbia University* Dynamic of Social Ties in the Medieval Genoese

Commenda (1154–1400)

Access Harkness Hall (WLH) 119 either from  
Cross Campus or from 100 Wall Street

The conference is free and open to the public

Please register and consult the papers online at <http://www.econ.yale.edu/~egcenter/EHindex.htm>