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# Resources: Endowment or Curse, Better or Worse?

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

### 1:15 PM: INTRODUCTION

Naomi Lamoreaux, Yale University

### 1:30 - 2:45 PM: PANEL 1

#### Resources and State-building I

Chair: **Seven Agir**, Yale University

**Joe Manning**, Yale University; *Water, Irrigation and their Connection to State Power in Egypt*

**Bin Wong**, UCLA; *Historical and Comparative Perspectives on Resource Management in Chinese Empires*

Respondent: **Daniel Headrick**, Roosevelt University

### BREAK

### 3:15 - 4:30 PM: PANEL 2

#### Resources and State-building II

Chair: **Peter Perdue**, Yale University

**Alan Mikhail**, Yale University; *Domestic Animals and Economic Transformation in Ottoman Egypt*

**Anne McCants**, MIT; *Building in Stone: Clerical and Lay Political Struggle in the High Middle Ages*

Respondent: **Ken Pomeranz**, UC Irvine

### 5:00 PM: KEYNOTE LECTURE

**Richard White**, Stanford University; *Incommensurate Measures: Nature, History, and Economics*  
Introduced and moderated by **John Mack Faragher**, Yale University

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

### 8:15 AM: BREAKFAST

### 9:00 - 10:15 AM: PANEL 3

#### Empire and Resources in the Ancient Mediterranean

Chair: **Francesca Trivellato**, Yale University

**R. Bruce Hitchner**, Tufts University; *Too Many Men: Population, Resources, and the Origins of Roman Expansionism*

**John Haldon**, Princeton University; *Resources, Markets and the State: The Case of Byzantium*

Respondent: **Peter Temin**, MIT

### BREAK

### 10:45 - 12:00 PM: PANEL 4

#### Water

Chair: **K. (Shivi) Sivaramakrishnan**, Yale University

**Ling Zhang**, Yale Agrarian Studies Fellow/Boston College; *From "Controlling Floods" to "Managing a River": The Chinese State and the Political History of the Yellow River*

**Arupjyoti Salkia**, Yale Agrarian Studies Fellow/IIT Guwahati; *Jute or Flood: Exploring the fate of certain schemes in the Brahmaputra River Valley*

Respondent: **Richard Hornbeck**, Harvard University

### 12:00 - 1:00 PM: BUFFET LUNCH

### 1:00 - 2:30 PM: PANEL 5

#### Comparative Perspectives on Resources and Governance

Moderator: **Paul Sabin**, Yale University

**Nancy Langston**, University of Wisconsin

**John McNeill**, Georgetown University

**Timothy Mitchell**, Columbia University

The conference is free and open to the public

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