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A Special Welcome from the 2022 Local Host Committee

On behalf of the Local Host Committee for this year's African Economic History Network Meeting, we want to wish you a warm welcome to Gran Canaria. Our local committee includes Faculty Members from the Universidad de Las Palmas de Gran Canaria and the Universidad Carlos III de Madrid. Together, we have greatly enjoyed the chance to create an exciting scientific programme covering key topics and questions about the economic past of the African continent.

The Canary Islands have been a crossroads between Africa and the rest of the world from the Early Modern Age up to the present. People, goods and ideas from Europe, Africa and America passed through these islands for centuries. This conference thus continues this long tradition by taking the advantage of the Canaries unique location to be a crossover now for academic discussion.

The programme contains two keynotes and over twenty parallel sessions devoted to the most recent studies on African Economic History from different perspectives. In addition to that, the programme also includes a number of cultural activities such as cocktail events and live music in Casa Africa as well as a guided tour through the historical centre with a guided visit of the Museo Canario. Lastly, the Jay-Jay Okocha soccer trophy will be held forming the final key activity of this academic event!

We hope that you will enjoy this conference as well as your time in sunny Gran Canaria!

Daniel Castillo, Universidad de Las Palmas de Gran Canaria

Dácil Juif, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid

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Chair: Antony G. Hopkins, University of Cambridge

Histories of Capitalism in Africa, 1650s-1940s.
Gareth Austin (University of Cambridge).

Concessions in the Congos: A Dutch Firm at the Crossroads of Imperialism in West Africa (1879-1914). Gijs Dreijer (Leiden University).

Fishing policies within the Global Approach: The Presence of the Soviet Union in Western Africa (1960s-early 1980s).
Irina Yánishev Nésterova (Universidad de Las Palmas de Gran Canaria).

The Bata Company in Africa.
Milan Balaban (Tomas Bata University in Zlín).

Session A2. Wealth and Income distribution (I)

Chair: Morten Jerven, Lund University

Historical Real Wage as Seen from East Africa.
Sascha Klocke (Lund University).

The (Im)possibility of Growth for African Colonies: A Series of GDP & Real Wages for the Congo During 1885-1960.
Vincent Delabastita (K.U. Leuven) and Robin Philips (Utrecht University).

Is Africa Growing Out of Poverty? A Historical Comparative Case Study of Structural Change in Côte d'Ivoire.

Mark Melles (Lund University).

The Legacy of the 'Scramble for Africa' on Modern Inequality.

Andrew Crawford (German Institute for Global Area Studies).

Session A3. Family and Gender in African Economic History

Chair: Belinda Archibong, Columbia University

Reported Preferences for Sons and Daughters.

Johannes Norling (Mount Holyoke College).

Family Planning in Kenya in Historical Perspective.

Shane Doyle (Leeds University).

The Weaker Link: Matriliney, Cross-Cutting Ties, and Conflict in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Jennifer Kohler (London School of Economics).

Women of the Cape Colony.

Leoné Walters (Stellenbosch University).

13.30-14.30 Lunch (Cafeteria)

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Session B1. Slavery and Economic Development

Chair: Federico Tadei, Universidad de Barcelona

Profiting from Slavery and Emancipation: Compensation, Capital, and Collateral in Nineteenth Century Senegal.

Bronwen Everill (University of Cambridge) and Khadidiatou Diedhiou (University Cheikh Anta Diop).

Informal Financial Markets: Borrowing and Lending of the Indigenous Populations and Freed Slaves in the Cape Colony.

Kara Dimitruk (University of Western Cape), Kate Ekama (Stellenbosch University) and Christie Swanepoel (University of Western Cape).

The Role of Expanding Capitalist Relations in the History of Post-Slavery in East Africa.

Felicitas Becker (Ghent University) and Nives Kinunda (University of Dar es Salaam).

Session B2. Mining and Extractive Economies

Chair: Erik Green, Lund University

Monetary Compensation and Wellbeing of Copper Mine Labour in Chile and the Central African Copperbelt, 1920s to 1960s.

Dácil Juif (Universidad Carlos III de Madrid) and Sergio Garrido (University of Chile).

Fixing a Flawed Diamond: What We Can Learn from a Portuguese Colonial Diamond Mine's Delayed Evolution from Coercive Labour Policies to far more Inclusive Practices.

Leo Dolan (Universidad Carlos III de Madrid).

Africa's Mineral Revolution in a Long-Term Trade Perspective.

Ewout Frankema (Wageningen University) and Felix Meier zu Selhausen (Utrecht University).

Session B3. Transport, Infrastructures, and Urban Development. Session sponsored by PORMAR Chair.

Chair: Lourdes Trujillo, Universidad de Las Palmas de Gran Canaria.

Feeding African Cities: Hinterland Suitability & Urban Growth in 20th Century Sub-Saharan Africa.

Tanik Joshipura (Wageningen University).

Maritime Flows and Port System Evolution in French West Africa (1895-1960).

Daniel Castillo Hidalgo (Universidad de Las Palmas de Gran Canaria) and César Ducruet (CNRS).

Privatizing a Colonial Electricity Undertaking: A Commentary on F.W. Dove's 'What People Think of Our Electric Light'.

Damilola Adebayo (York University).

16.00-16.30 Coffee break (Cafeteria)

16.30-18.00 Parallel Sessions (C1-3) (Rooms TBA)

Session C1. North Africa: Economic Structure and Institutional Development

Chair: Jesús Martínez Milán, Universidad de Las Palmas de Gran Canaria

The Esparto Trade: A History of the First Globalization and the Two Shores of the Mediterranean (South-Eastern Spain and North Africa).

Andrés Sánchez Picón and Mari C. Pérez Artés (Universidad de Almería).

Extractive Agriculture and Permanent Settlement: The Effects of Viticulture in Colonial Algeria.

Laura Maravall (Universidad de Alcalá), Sergi Basco (Universidad de Barcelona) and Jordi Dòmenech (Universidad Carlos III of Madrid).

The Crises in North Africa and the Transformation of the Economy in the Western Sahel.

Dağauh Komenan (Universidad de Las Palmas de Gran Canaria).

Session C2. Health and Sanitation Policies (I)

Chair: Dacil Juif, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid

The Expansion of Colonial Healthcare in Twentieth Century British Africa.

Jutta Bolt (Lund University and University of Groningen) and Jeanne Cilliers (Lund University).

Uncovering the Role of Education in the Uptake of Preventive Measures Against Malaria in the African Population.

Elisabeth Kempter (University Tuebingen) and Neha B. Upadhayay (Paris XII University).

Development of Disease in Ghana and Côte d'Ivoire and the Colonial Response: ca. 1900-1955.

Arlinde Vrooman (University of Groningen).

Session C3. International Institutions and Economic Development

Chair: Kleoniki Alexopoulou, NOVA University Lisbon

The IMF, World Bank and Structural Adjustment of Housing in Ghana: Looking to History for Lessons to Improve Accountable Delivery of International Development in Africa.

Festival Godwin Boateng (Earth Institute, Columbia).

Empire Investments and Colonial Debt at the End of the Empire: Sanction, the Rhodesian UDI and the British Bondholders, 1965-1979.

Tinashe Nyamunda (University of Pretoria).

Import Substitution, Structural Adjustment and Restructuring of the Global economy: What Explains Premature De-Industrialization in Africa and Latin America?

Cristian Ducoing, Erik Green and Bertus M. Melles (Lund University).

18.00-19.30 – Humanities Hall

Plenary Session. The Economic History of Africa in Books

Chair: Gareth Austin, University of Cambridge

Our Long Walk to Economic Freedom.

Johan Fourie (Stellenbosch University).

Sovereignty Without Power: Liberia the Age of Empires, 1822-1980.

Leigh Gardner (London School of Economics)

Migration in Africa. Shifting Patterns of Mobility from the 19th to the 21st Century

Ewout Frankema (Wageningen University)

Monetary Transitions. Currencies, Colonialism and African Societies.

Karin Pallaver (University of Bologna)

Creating the Cape Colony: The political economy of settler colonization.

Erik Green (Lund University)

The History of African Development (AEHN Textbook Update.

Felix Meier zu Selhausen (Wageningen University)

20.00-21.30 CAMPO DE FÚTBOL DE TAFIRA (turf). Jay-Jay Okocha Trophy Soccer Match (Players and fans will be transported by bus)



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8.30-16.00 Registration (IATEX desk)

9.00-11.00 Parallel Sessions (D1-4) (Rooms TBA)

Session D1. The Economic Role of African Islands

Chair: Sergio Solbes Ferri, Universidad de Las Palmas de Gran Canaria

Luso-Cape Verdean Entrepreneurship in the Canary Islands During the Transformation of the Island Economic Model at the End of the 16th century.

Javier L. Álvarez Santos (Universidad de Las Palmas de Gran Canaria).

Women's Work in Mauritius: The Micro-determinants of Gender Segregation and Job Quality in the Garment Manufacturing Industry, 1999-2021.

Linn Ternsjö (Lund University).

The African Hub. The Role of the Canary Islands in Foreign Trade with Africa During World War II.

Daniel Pérez-Estévez (Museo Canario).

Session D2. Institutions and Taxation Policies

Chair: Ewout Frankema, Wageningen University

Labour Taxes in Sierra Leone Protectorate: Calculating the Cost of Reforms.

Laura Channing (Durham University).

Fiscal Capacities in Africa from Colonial Times to Present, Evidence from Former French Colonies 1900-2018.

Denis Cogneau (Paris School of Economics), Yanick Dupraz (Aix-Marseille University), Justine Knebelmann (MIT) and Sandrine Mesplé-Soms (Paris Dauphine, PSL).

On the Persistency of Persistence. Evidence from a Century of African Public Finance.

Thilo Albers (Humboldt University of Berlin), Morten Jerven (Lund University) and Marvin Suesse (Trinity College Dublin).

The Magna Carta in Kenya? Law, the Power to Tax, and the Institutional Legacies of British Colonialism.

Leigh Gardner (London School of Economics).

Session D3. Currencies and Financial Markets

Chair: Bernard Kusena, University of Zimbabwe

Banking on the Margins: Development and Growth of "Parallel" Money Transfer and Banking Systems Amongst Africans in Colonial Zimbabwe.

Tapiwa Madimu (Rhodes University).

Monetary Transformations in the Early Colonial Gulf of Guinea, 1880s to 1920s.

Enrique Martino (Universidad Complutense de Madrid).

Southern Rhodesia and Britain's Discriminatory Sterling Area: The Dollar Crisis and Postwar Colonial Tobacco Trade, 1947-1960.

Sibanengi Ncube (University of the Free State).

More Than a Monetary Crossroads: Assessing the Regional Dimension of the Circulation of the Maria Theresa Thaler in the Red Sea Region.

Alessandro De Cola (University of the Free State).

Session D4. Industrial Development and Business

Chair: Jörg Baten, University of Tübingen

Why Did African Industrial Policy Fail? An Analytical History of Sectorial Targeting, c.1950-c.1980.

Tom Westland (Wageningen University).

Local Advantage in a Global context. Competition, Adaptation, and Resilience in Textile Manufacturing in the "Periphery", 1860-1960.

Katharine Frederick and Elise van Nederveen Meerkerk (Utrecht University).

Local Hidden Gems? A Historical Evaluation of African State-Owned Enterprises.

Hannah Marwah (Open Society Foundation).

"Kaffir Circus" British Investments in Colonial Southern Africa, 1880-1920,

Alfons Frasens (Leiden University).

11.00-11.30 Coffee break (Cafeteria)

11.30-13.30 Parallel Sessions (E1-4) (Rooms TBA)

Session E1. Wealth and Income Distribution (II)

Chair: Germán Santana Pérez, Universidad de Las Palmas de Gran Canaria

Formation of the African Bureaucratic Elites in the Civil Service of Colonial Kenya.
Valeria Lukkari (Lund University).

The Equality of Capitalism? African Financiers in Cape Joint Stock Companies During the Nineteenth Century.
Lloyd Melusi Maphosa (University of Cape Town).

Is Africa Different? Revenue Strategies in Africa in the 20th Century Compared.
Abel Gwaindepi (Lund University).

Session E2. The Economic Impact of Commodity Trade

Chair: Gareth Austin, University of Cambridge

"Uncommercial Procedures": Coffee and Debt-Crisis in Depression-Era Kenya.
Paul Ocobock (University of Notre Dame).

Household Inequality and Cash Crop Production in mid-Twentieth Century Burkina Faso.
Thomas Zuber (Columbia University).

Crops, Price or Policies? Why Commodity Exports in British and French West Africa Diverged After the 1880s.
Michiel de Haas, Ewout Frankema (Wageningen University), Felix Meier Zu Selhausen (Utrecht University) and Federico Tadei (Universidad de Barcelona).

White Settler Groundnut Production and Marketing in Colonial Zimbabwe, 1923-1979.
Ropafadzo Hove (University of Zimbabwe).

Session E3. Health and Sanitation Policies (II)

Chair: Johan Fourie, Stellenbosch University

The Fight Against Malaria: A New Index for Quantifying and Assessing Policy Implementation Actions to Reduce Malaria Burden in Sub-Saharan Africa.
Carlos Bethencourt (Universidad de La Laguna).

The Sins of the Church: The Long-Term Impact of Christian Missionary Praxis on HIV and Sexual Behavior in Zambia.
Michael Chanda Chiseni (Lund University).

HIV/AIDS, Law and the Disparities in Healthcare Distribution: The South African and Zimbabwean Experience, c.1900-2021.

Bernard Kusena (University of Zimbabwe).

Economic Crisis and the Rise of Trade in Sex Tonics in post-Colonial Zimbabwe.

Ushehwedu Kufakurinani (King's College London).

Session E4. Education and Human Capital Accumulation

Chair: Leigh Gardner, London School of Economics

Crossroads Effects on Regional and Social Inequality of Numeracy in Sub-Saharan Africa 1930s-1990s.

Jörg Baten (University of Tübingen).

The Evolution of Educational Gender Gaps in Colonial Mozambique.

Pablo Fernández-Cebrián (Universidad de Barcelona).

The Negus and the Monks: Monasteries, State Formation, and Long-Run Development in Ethiopia, 1270-2020.

Mattia C. Bertazzini (University of Oxford).

Human Capital Formation in Ethiopia and Rwanda.

Mesfin Abraham Ali (Wageningen University).

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Chair: Jutta Bolt, Lund University and University of Groningen

Great or Not? An Empirical Investigation into the Causes of the Great Trek.

Johan Fourie and Calumet Links (Stellenbosch University).

Khoesan Resilience: The Impacts of Drought in the Cape Colony.

Ben Chatterton and Erik Green (Lund University) and Calumet Links (Stellenbosch University).

When Protest Movements Fail: The Economic Causes and Consequences of Settler Rebellion in the Cape of Good Hope, 1770-1780.

Jonathan Schoots (Stellenbosch University), Johan Fourie (Stellenbosch University) and Katherine Eriksson (University of California Davis).

A Note on the Household Welfare of the Khoe in the Cape Colony.

Calumet Links (Stellenbosch University), Francisco J. Marco-García (Universidad de Zaragoza) and Christie Swanepoel (University of the Western Cape).

Session F2. Labour Organization in the Long Run

Chair: Tom Westland, Wageningen University

The Italian Colonial Empire in Africa As a Crossroad for Labour Mobilization.

Donatella Strangio (Sapienza University of Rome).

Why Extractive Institutions? The Choice Between Free and Forced Labour in Colonial French Africa.

Federico Tadei (Universidad de Barcelona).

Labour Transformations in Southern Africa from Colonial to Postcolonial Times: Realities and Connotations.

Kleoniki Alexopoulou (NOVA University Lisbon) and Dácil Juif (Universidad Carlos III de Madrid).

Iron Ore in Mauritania: MIFERMA and the world of its workers (1952-1974)

E. Ann McDougall (University of Alberta)

Session F3. Economic Inequality and Institutions

Chair: Denis Cogneau, Paris School of Economics

Elite Persistence in Sierra Leone: What Can Names Tell Us?

Rebecca Simson (Wadham College, Oxford), Yannick Dupraz (CNRS, Aix-Marseille University) and Henry M. Kpaka (Independent).

Rural Capitalism and Income Inequality in Colonial Africa: Trends and Transitions.

Prince Young Aboagye, Ellen Hillbom and Sascha Klocke (Lund University).

Livelihoods in Portuguese Africa During and After Indigenato.

Emiliano Travieso (Universidad Carlos III de Madrid).

Incarcerating the Agricultural Reserve Army: Unemployment, Incarceration & the Settler Project in Depression Era Kenya.

Jonathan Donald Jenner (University of Manitoba).

Session F4. New Sources on African Economic History

Chair: *Lloyd Melusi Maphosa, University of Cape Town*

African Time Travelers: What Can We Learn From 500 Years of Written Accounts?

Edward Kerby (Stellenbosch University), Alexander Moradi (Free State University of Bozen-Bolzano) and Hanjo Odendaal (Stellenbosch University).

Anthropometric History of Equatorial Guinea Based on Colonial Sources, 1938-1960.

José A. Ortega (University of Salamanca).

On the Way to a Quantitative Economic Historiography of Somalia.

Sarah Ferber and Joerg Baten (University of Tübingen).

Love Your Neighbor as Yourself: Christian Missions, Ethnic Fractionalization, and Development in Africa.

Alessandra Quintigliano and Jacob Weisdorf (Sapienza University of Rome).

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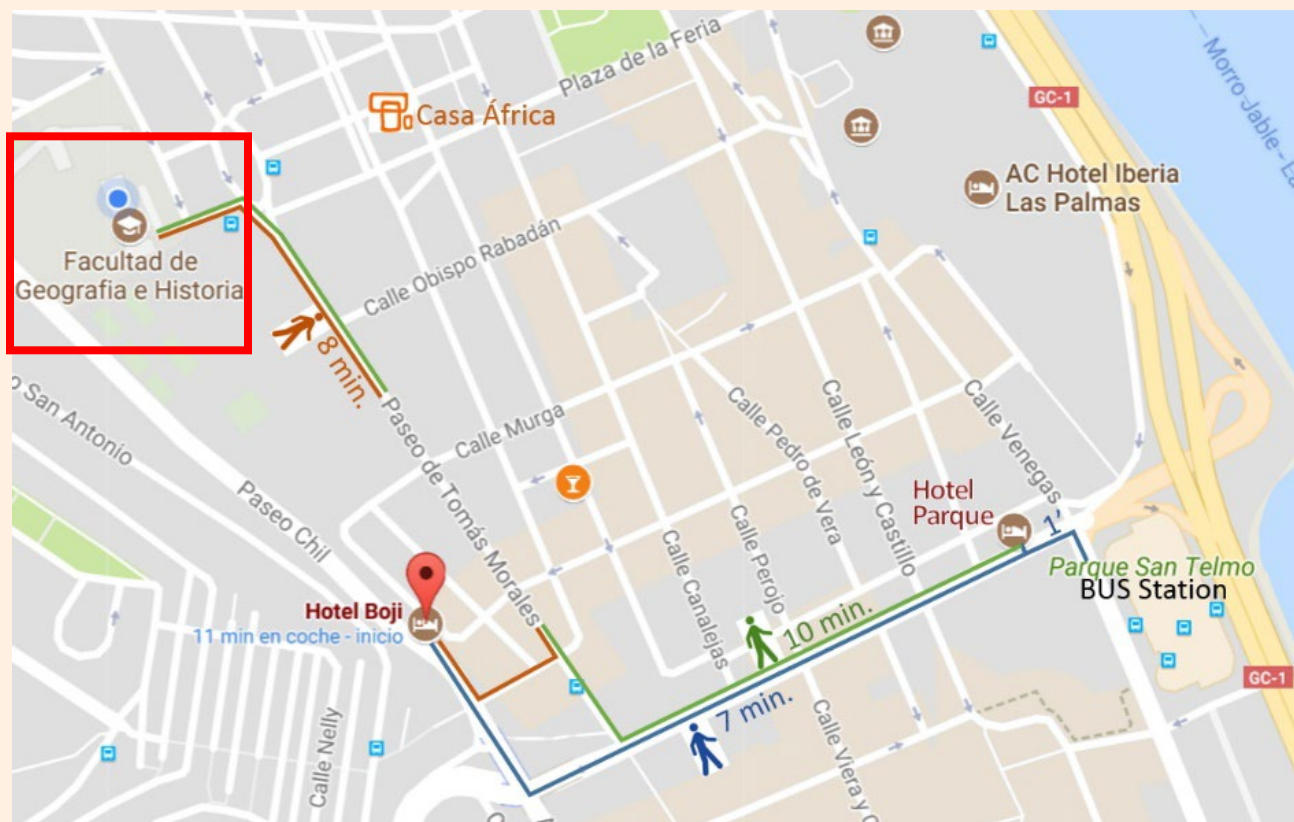
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Bus Lines: 2, 25, 81

Website: <https://www.hotelfataga.com/es/index.html>

Hotel Parque

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Website: <https://www.sercotelhoteles.com/hotel-sercotel-hotel-parque/>

AC Hotel Iberia Las Palmas

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Website: <https://www.espanol.marriott.com/hotels/travel/lpaac-ac-hotel-iberia-las-palmas/>

Hotel Occidental Las Palmas

Urban hotel, Well connected by bus, 10" by walk to the Conference Venue.

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Hotel Santa Catalina, A Royal Hideaway Hotel

Historical Five-star hotel, Well connected by bus, 10" by walk to the Conference Venue.

Website: <https://www.barcelo.com/es-es/santa-catalina-a-royal-hideaway-hotel/>

Hotel Madrid

Historical hotel (1936 Coup), 10” by walk to the Bus Station, 15” by walk to the Conference Venue, Close to the historical center-town.

Website: <https://www.emblematicohotelmadrid.com/hotel.html>

Exe Las Palmas Hotel

Business Hotel, Beach of Las Canteras, Well connected by Bus, 15” by bus to the Conference Venue.

Bus Lines: 2, 25, 81 (From Santa Catalina Park)

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Hotel Cristina

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Hotel Reina Isabel

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Bus Lines: 2, 25, 81 (From Santa Catalina Park)

Website: <https://www.bullhotels.com/hoteles/reina-isabel-spa/hotel-en-las-palmas-de-gran-canaria>

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Bus Lines: 2, 25, 81 (From Santa Catalina Park)

Website: <https://www.hotelcatalinaplaza.com/es/>

Hotel The Lumm

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Bus Lines: 2, 25, 81 (From Santa Catalina Park)

Website: <https://lummhotel.com/es/index.html>

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If you have any questions about accommodation (location, quality, etc.), please feel free to contact me (daniel.castillohidalgo@ulpgc.es).

*And remember...Bus is called **Guagua** in the Canary Islands!*

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