

Call for Sessions - WEHC 2015 [S20043]

Proposed title of the session

The Quantitative Economic History of Central, East and South-East Europe

Abstract

Eastern European economic history faces numerous challenges. New Economic History has for long failed to make strong inroads into Eastern European scholarship. By contrast, independent western research was hampered by a limited knowledge of and/or access to existing primary sources. Therefore, Eastern European economic history is still gravely underrepresented both in leading academic journals and at major international conferences.

The Eastern half of Europe deserves greatly more attention within a profession that shares special interest in the economic impact of the grand transformations of history that had affected this region frequently and profoundly. Old empires had fallen and new ones emerged, radical ideologies grabbed the spotlight from one another, and the course of institutional development was often at odds with the international mainstream.

Only recently had democratization and European integration created opportunities for making good on the shortcomings of previous scholarship. International collaboration has already yielded research that both put Eastern Europe back onto the map of economic historians and presented new quantitative evidence drawn from original sources. Young economists and historians from the region have presented, or are currently writing, worthy dissertations at top universities on the subject with the application of modern methodology.

WEast is an international initiative promoting research on the economic history of East, Central and South-East Europe. Our aim is to foster knowledge transfer and collaboration between economic historians and economists with shared interest in this region representing both western and eastern universities and research centres. We have already organised successful workshops at prestigious institutions in recent years and convened sessions on major international conferences and congresses.

In order to continue promoting our regional focus on the global research agenda, we wish to propose a session for the XVIITH World Economic History Congress in Kyoto. We invite established researchers but focus especially on young scholars wishing to present quantitative work on a wide range of issues relevant to understanding Eastern Europe's turbulent past: the role of institutions (e.g. serfdom, local governance, or central planning), geographical determinants (e.g. the economic origins and impact of shifting borders), structural development, market integration, finance, and international trade. We welcome particularly contributions that present new quantitative evidence in the form of national income estimates, growth accounts, long-run time series and/or regional and micro-level datasets. We also wish to bring together scholars who use a wide variety of analytical approaches.

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