

PLENARY SESSIONS

OPENING CEREMONY

DAY 1 09:00-09:30 MONDAY, 3 AUGUST **1F MAIN HALL**

Welcome Address — **Professor Tetsuji OKAZAKI**, Chair, Local Organizing Committee
Professor Kumie INOSE, Vice-President, Science Council of Japan
Message from His Excellency Shinzo ABE, Prime Minister of Japan

KEYNOTE SPEECH — PLENARY I

DAY 1 09:30-10:30 MONDAY, 3 AUGUST **1F MAIN HALL**

Keynote Address — **His Excellency Yasuo FUKUDA**, Former Prime Minister of Japan
Keynote Lecture — **Professor Osamu SAITO**, Professor Emeritus, Hitotsubashi University, and Fellow of Japan Academy



His Excellency Yasuo FUKUDA

Yasuo Fukuda was Prime Minister of Japan from 2007 to 2008. During his time in office he focused on issues related to constructing a sustainable society, and as host of the Hokkaido Toyako G8 Summit negotiated an agreement to halve CO2 emissions by 2050. His domestic policy initiatives included the establishment of the Consumer Affairs Agency to protect consumers' rights and efforts to see that government decision-making more effectively reflected public opinion. On the diplomatic front, former Prime Minister Fukuda has dedicated himself to building better relations with Japan's East Asian neighbors. In 2008 Prime Minister Fukuda and Chinese President Hu Jintao issued a joint statement calling for mutually beneficial Sino-Japanese relations based on a joint understanding of common strategic interests. As Prime Minister he also promoted historical research through his promotion of the Public Records Management Act.



Professor Osamu SAITO

Osamu Saito, Professor Emeritus, Hitotsubashi University, Fellow of the Japan Academy and a past President of Japan's Socio-Economic History Society, is an economic and population historian. He served on the Executive Committee of the International Economic History Association (IEHA) and chaired the Committee on Historical Demography of the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP). He was Leverhulme Visiting Professor at the Cambridge Group for the History of Population and Social Structure, University of Cambridge, 2009-10. Since 2007, he has been joint organiser (with Leigh Shaw-Taylor, Director of the Cambridge Group) of the International Network for the Comparative History of Occupational Structure (INCHOS). His recent publications include 'Proto-industrialization and labour-intensive industrialization' (in *Labour-intensive Industrialization in Global History*, ed. G. Austin and K. Sugihara, 2013) and 'Growth and inequality in the Great and Little Divergence debate' (*Economic History Review* 68, 2015). In his Keynote lecture, he will talk about 'diversity' and 'interdependence' in development.

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DEBATE — PLENARY 2

DAY 3 17:15-18:45 WEDNESDAY, 5 AUGUST **2F ROOM A**

Speakers — **Professor Pranab BARDHAN**, University of California, Berkeley

Professor R. Bin WONG, Director of the UCLA Asia Institute

Moderator — **Professor Linda GROVE**, Professor Emeritus, Sophia University

The second plenary session will focus on two of the world's largest economies — China and India — from the perspectives of economic history and development economics. The rise of what Prof. Pranab Bardhan, one of our speakers, has termed the “two ‘Awakening Giants’ of Asia” continues to play a central role in shaping the twenty-first century global economy. Moreover, the experiences of China and India have also been at the heart of academic discussions in economic history and development economics — debates that have focused on the diversity of development experiences, including institutional forms, governance patterns, and their impact on contemporary development experience. We have invited two leading experts in these fields to present their views and discuss the experiences of India and China from regional, global and historical perspectives. Prof. Pranab Bardhan, speaking from the perspective of development economics, will contrast the entrepreneurial, rentier and state capitalist patterns of development in China and India with special focus on labor-intensive production in the agriculture and manufacturing sectors, infrastructural considerations, property rights and governance issues. Prof. R. Bin Wong, approaching the same issues from a long-term historical perspective, will examine patterns of change stressing the role of socially constructed institutions that shaped production and exchange and their fit with government policies.



Professor Pranab BARDHAN

Pranab Bardhan is Professor of Graduate School in the Department of Economics, University of California at Berkeley. Educated at Presidency College, Kolkata and Cambridge University, England, he had been at the faculty of MIT, Indian Statistical Institute and Delhi School of Economics before joining Berkeley. He has been Visiting Professor/Fellow at Trinity College, Cambridge, St. Catherine's College, Oxford, and London School of Economics. He held the Distinguished Fulbright Siena Chair at the University of Siena, Italy in 2008-9 and the BP Centennial Professor at London School of Economics for 2010 and 2011. He was the Editor of the *Journal of Development Economics* for 18 years. He has done theoretical and field studies research on rural institutions in poor countries, on political economy of development policies, and on international trade. A part of his work is in the interdisciplinary area of economics, political science, and social anthropology. He is the author of 14 books and more than 150 journal articles and the editor of 12 books.



Professor R. Bin WONG

Wong studies Chinese patterns of political, economic and social change both within Asian regional contexts and compared with more familiar European patterns, as part of the efforts under way to make world history speak to contemporary conditions of globalization. He is author of *China Transformed: Historical Change and the Limits of European Experience* (1997). Wong has also written or co-authored more than ninety articles published in Chinese, English, French, German and Japanese. His most recent book, co-authored with Jean-Laurent Rosenthal, is *Before and Beyond Divergence: The Politics of Economic Change in China and Europe* (2011). He has been a visiting professor and researcher at institutions in China, France, Japan, and the United Kingdom. Since 2009 he has been a Distinguished Guest Professor at the Fudan University Institute for Advanced Study in Social Sciences.

ROUND TABLE — PLENARY 3

DAY 5 17:15-18:30 FRIDAY, 7 AUGUST **2F ROOM A**

Speakers ————— **Professor Abhijit BANERJEE**, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Professor Nicholas CRAFTS, University of Warwick
Professor Avner GREIF, Stanford University

Moderator ————— **Professor Tetsuji OKAZAKI**, University of Tokyo

The third plenary session focuses on new approaches in economic history. We have invited leading economic historians and a development economist to discuss the following broad questions: Are there new approaches that will help us better understand diversity in economic development? How might economic historians and development economists interact and collaborate in fruitful ways to advance research in this field? How can we write a diverse and complex history of global economic development with theoretical consistency and rigor?

Professor Abhijit Banerjee is a distinguished development economist. His best known contributions include a frequently cited article that models economic development as a process of institutional transformation, and an article that explores the impact of the colonial Indian land tenure system on present economic outcomes. Professor Nicholas Crafts has played a leading role in developing the field of cliometrics; his classic works on the Industrial Revolution and long-term growth of the British economy set new standards for quantitative understanding of economic growth and are frequently referred to in debates about the “great divergence.” Professor Avner Greif has developed a new game theoretic approach to economic history, Historical and Comparative Institutional Analysis, and in recent years has applied this approach to the comparative historical study of China and Europe.



Professor Abhijit BANERJEE

Abhijit Vinayak Banerjee is the Ford Foundation International Professor of Economics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. In 2003 he founded the Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL), along with Esther Duflo and Sendhil Mullainathan and remains one of the directors of the lab. In 2009 J-PAL won the BBVA Foundation “Frontier of Knowledge” award in the development cooperation category. Banerjee is a past president of the Bureau for the Research in the Economic Analysis of Development, a Research Associate of the NBER, a CEPR research fellow, International Research Fellow of the Kiel Institute, a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the Econometric Society and has been a Guggenheim Fellow and an Alfred P. Sloan Fellow. He received the Infosys Prize 2009 in Social Sciences and Economics. In 2011, he was named one of Foreign Policy magazine’s top 100 global thinkers. His areas of research are development economics and economic theory. He is the author of a large number of articles and three books, including *Poor Economics* which won the Goldman Sachs Business Book of the Year. He is the editor of a fourth book, and finished his first documentary film, “The Name of the Disease” in 2006. Most recently, Banerjee served on the U.N. Secretary-General’s High-level Panel of Eminent Persons on the Post-2015 Development Agenda.



Professor Nicholas CRAFTS

Nicholas Crafts is Professor of Economic History and Director of the ESRC Research Centre on Competitive Advantage in the Global Economy (CAGE) at the University of Warwick. He is a Fellow of the British Academy. His earlier career included positions at UC Berkeley, London School of Economics, Stanford and Oxford. He was Editor of the *Economic History Review* from 1999 to 2004 and President of the Economic History Society from 2004 to 2007. His research interests focus on comparative long-run economic growth and the economic history of the 1930s. He has published a number of books and articles, which include *British Economic Growth during the Industrial Revolution*, Oxford University Press (1985) and *The Great Depression of the 1930s : Lessons for Today*, Oxford University Press (co-edited, 2013).

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Professor Avner GREIF

Avner Greif is Professor of Economics, the Bowman Family Endowed Professor in Humanities and Sciences at Stanford University, a Senior Fellow at the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies (Stanford) and a Fellow in the Canadian Institute for Advance Research (CIFAR). He is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, a fellow of the Econometrics Society and a MacArthur Foundation Fellow. His research interests include the historical development of economic institutions, their interrelations with political, social and cultural factors and their impact on economic growth. Among his publications are *Institutions and the Path to the Modern Economy: Lessons from Medieval Trade*, Cambridge University Press (2006) and *Analytic Narratives*, Oxford University Press (co-authored 1998). Greif's research extensively relies on the method known as historical and comparative institutional analysis which he applied for the study of Europe, the Middle East, and China.

CLOSING CEREMONY

DAY 5 18:30-19:00 FRIDAY, 7 AUGUST 2F ROOM A

Announcement of Dissertation Winners

Announcement of the Poster Prize Winners

A Word of Thanks ——— **Tomoko SHIROYAMA**, Secretary General, Local Organizing Committee

Presentation ——— **WEHC2018, Boston, Anne McCANTS**, Massachusetts Institute of Technology