

Call for Papers to Session S20128

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■ Session Title

Title : The domestic integration of financial markets

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Deadline of the Call : date 27 month February year 2015

Guideline of the Call (title, abstract, full papers, limit of words, etc.) :

Applications must be submitted to the corresponding organiser no later than 27 February 2015. The application consists of an abstract and a brief CV, which includes the contributor's main publications, affiliation and contact information.

The abstract should not exceed 250 words, fit the purpose of the session and contain a clear title. Applicants will be notified before the 31 March 2015, at the latest.

Remarks (number of expected acceptances, intent, purpose, etc.) :

The analysis of financial markets has often focused on key historical centres such as Venice, Amsterdam, or London. While there is good reason to focus on these enclaves of *haute finance*, the extent to which they connected to their regional hinterlands is a much better indication of their financial and economic significance. Such connections broaden financial markets and allow market participants to, among others, attract capital at lower cost / to invest at higher rates of return, optimize investment portfolios, and reach more potential investors. The way in which domestic markets integrated, moreover, also had implications for how international connections could subsequently be established. Economic historians of the pre-industrial period have nevertheless paid fairly little attention to the integration of domestic financial markets. This session proposes to remedy this lacuna by addressing two questions. To what extent were markets integrated in various pre-industrial regions? And which circumstances fostered or hampered such integration?

We particularly welcome contributions that focus on geographical areas beyond the direct scope of the success stories of pre-modern finance in Western Europe.

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