This conference explores the nature, significance, and dynamics of market practices, institutions, and cultures in comparative perspective. Leading historians with expertise spanning a broad range of contexts will explore the changing discourse, norms, and practices of exchange across the period.

LOCATION:
Ahmanson Room, Brody Botanical Center

Emmanuel de Witte, The Courtyard of the Beurs in Amsterdam (1653), oil on panel. Museum Boijmans Van Beuningen.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2014

8:30 Registration & Coffee
9:00 Welcome:
Steve Hindle (The Huntington)

Remarks:
Simon Middleton (University of Sheffield)
James E. Shaw (University of Sheffield)

Session 1: Microeconomics of Credit
Moderator:
James E. Shaw
Daniel Vickers (University of British Columbia)
"What Makes a Commodity? An Eighteenth-century American Farmer Decide"
Julie Harbeck (University of Texas, Austin)
"Parasols and Poverty: Production and Reproduction in a Changing Economy"

12:00 Lunch

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2014

2:45 Session 2:
Market Regulation
Moderator:
Carole Shammas (University of Southern California)
Martha Howell (Columbia University)
"Who's 'common good'? Parisian Market Regulation and the Corporate Ethic, ca. 1500-1800"
Nuala Zahedieh (University of Edinburgh)
"Jamaica, Jewish Merchants, and Spanish American Markets, 1655-1790"

3:00 Break

Session 3:
Comparing Ethics and Institutions
Moderator:
Peter Mancall (University of Southern California)
Peter Stabel (University of Antwerp)
"Gaudls or No Gaudls: Is this the question? Market Ethics, Associational Life, and Economic Regulation in the Medieval City, Europe, and the Islamic World Compared"
James Davis (Queen’s University Belfast)
"The Ethics of Arbitrage and Forestalling across the Late Medieval World"

2:45 Session 6:
Market Ethics
Moderator:
Simon Middleton
David Harris Sacks (Reed College)
"To Winne Them by Fayre Meanes’: The Ethics of Exchange in the Making of the Early English Atlantic"
Christopher Tomlinson (University of California, Berkeley)
"Revolutions of Capital: The Political Law of Slavery in the Epoch of the Turnor Rebellion, Virginia, 1829-1852"

4:45 Q&A and General Discussion

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