

USC-Huntington Early Modern Studies Institute
2025 Linda & Harlan Martens Economic History Forum

“The Foreign Wealth of Nations”

Stewart R. Smith Board Room, The Huntington Library

Saturday, February 8, 2025

9:30 a.m. *Coffee and registration*

10:00 a.m. Opening Remarks from **Jacob Soll** (USC), **Jessica Hanser** (University of Copenhagen), **Ellen Nye** (Purdue University), and **Pernille Røge** (University of Pittsburgh)

Session 1

10:30 a.m. **Richard von Glahn** (UCLA)
“The Rise and Demise of Paper Money in China (1000-1500)”

Jessica Hanser (University of Copenhagen)
“Commercial Divergences in Canton on the Eve of the Great Divergence, 1750-1800”

Meng Zhang (UCLA)
“Capitalism and the Market Economy: Connections, Differences, and Implications for the Early Modern World”

12:00 noon *Lunch provided by EMSI for all participants*



Session 2

1:30 p.m. **Pernille Røge** (University of Pittsburgh)
“The Powers that Be: Dutch and British Merchant Bankers and the Danish Colonial Empire”

Ellen Nye (Purdue University)
“Levant Company Merchants between the English and Ottoman Empires, c. 1700”

Malick Ghachem (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)
Bubble Colony: Saint-Domingue and the Debt of France

3:00 p.m. *Coffee Break*

Session 3

3:30 p.m. **Charles C.H. Lee** (Academica Sinica, Taiwan)
“Bureaucracy and the Origins of Modernity: Revisiting Joseph Needham’s Question in the Context of British Socialism”

Gibin Hong (Karl Polanyi Institute, Seoul)
“The Japanese Emulation of the Founding of the Bank of England”

Final Discussion

4:30 p.m. **Tonio Andrade** (Emory University) and **Jacob Soll** (USC)

5:30 p.m. *Linda & Harlan Martens Economic History Forum concludes*

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