

# **Economic History and Development Mini-Conference: Summer 2016**

*All presentations will be held in Founders Hall Room 481. This room is on the fourth floor of the main building on the Arlington Campus of George Mason University. The physical address is Founders Hall, 3351 Fairfax Dr, Arlington, VA 22201*

10.00-10.45 John Wallis (Maryland), The Difference between Norms and Institutions.

11.00-11.45 James Fenske (Warwick), Linguistic Distance and Market Integration in India, (with Namrata Kala)

12.00-12.30 Theresa Finley (GMU), Monastic Investment and Organizational Form: Cistercians, Rent-Seeking and Agricultural Investment in the Ancien Regime.

*12.30-13.30 Lunch*

13.45–14.15 Dongping Xie (AU), Bank Lending Standards and Business Debts: A View from Historical Bankruptcy Cases

14.30-15.15 Quamrul H. Ashraf (Williams College), From Serfdom to Freedom: The Economic Origins of the Emancipation of Labor (with Francesco Cinnirella, Oded Galor, Boris Gershman, and Erik Hornung),

*15.15-15.45 Coffee Break*

15.45-16.30 Mark Koyama (GMU), Economic Shocks, Inter-Ethnic Complementarities and the Persecution of Minorities: Evidence from the Black Death (with Remi Jebwab and Noel D. Johnson)

16.45-17.30 Ralf Meisenzahl, (Federal Reserve) State Capacity and Public Goods: Institutional Change, Human Capital, and Growth in Early Modern Germany (with Jeremiah Dittmar)

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