THE CULTURAL HISTORY of MONEY AND CREDIT

RICHARD ROBINSON BUSINESS HISTORY WORKSHOP

Keynote

RECURRING DEBT CRISSES and the CONTOURS of GLOBAL HISTORY

Mark Metzler  Professor  University of Texas at Austin
Thursday 22 May • 6:00pm • Smith Union Center • Room 238

Panels

Friday 23 May • from 10:15am • Smith Union Center • Room 333
1. Microfinancing and Microcredit
2. Networks of Borrowing and Indebtedness
3. Commodification and Collateralization

Panels

Saturday 24 May • from 8:45am • Smith Union Center • Room 236
4. Models of Banking, Credit, and Risk
5. Colonial Banking
6. Global Money, Economic Panic, Cultural Crisis

Co-sponsored by Friends of History & the PSU History Department.
Free and open to the public. For more information on panels contact:
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Co-Organizers:
Thomas Luckett, Portland State University
Chia Yin Hsu, Portland State University
Erika Vause, Saint Xavier University
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9:45-10:15   Coffee

10:15-12:00  1. MICROFINANCING AND MICROCREDIT
Chair: Thomas Luckett
Enrico Beltramini, Notre Dame de Namur University
• Consumer Credit and Economic Justice: The Expansion of Financial
  Rights in the 1960s U.S.
David Paul Hochfelder, State University of New York at Albany
• A History of U.S. Progressive-Era Microfinance from a Global Perspective
Nicole Mottier, Stetson University
• The Persistence of Informal Moneylending in Twentieth-Century Mexico

12:00-1:15   Lunch & Presentation
Joshua Binus, Portland State University
• The Oral History of Sustainable Business Practice in the Pacific Northwest

1:15-3:00    2. NETWORKS OF BORROWING AND INDEBTEDNESS
Chair: Erika Vause
Mônica Martins, Federal University-Rio de Janeiro
• Credit and Discredit in a Non-Capitalist Economy: Colonial Rio de Janeiro
  1807-1808
Samuel Ostroff, University of Pennsylvania
• A Dangerous Game? Pearl Merchants Between Promise and Peril in Early
  Nineteenth-Century South India
Sergei Antonov, Queens College, City University of New York
• Moscow Debtors’ Pit and Private Action under Autocracy

3:00-3:30    Break

3:30-5:15    3. COMMODIFICATION AND COLLATERALIZATION
Chair: Thomas Luckett
Daniel Vickers, University of British Columbia
• “What Makes a Commodity?” An Eighteenth-Century New England Farmer Decides
Alexia Yates, Harvard University
• “Land that Circulates from Hand to Hand”: Mortgages and Paper Money in
  Nineteenth-Century France
Mischa Suter, University of Basel
• The Work of the Pawn: Framing Persons and Objects in Debt Relationships,
  Switzerland 1880s

6:00-        Workshop Dinner
Location of gathering to be announced

Those interested in attending the panels are welcome to read the papers beforehand.
For access to the papers, send email to: psu.business.history.workshop@gmail.com

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8:15-8:45   Coffee

8:45-10:00  PSU STUDENT PANEL
Chair: Thomas Luckett
Monica Rabii, Senior
• Non-Ideological Spaces in the Iranian Revolution: The Case of the Tehran
  Bazaar
Preetham Sridharan, First-Year History MA Program
• Money and Credit in Russian Serf Memoirs, Late Eighteenth and Early
  Nineteenth Century

10:00-10:15 Break

10:15-12:00 4. MODELS OF BANKING, CREDIT, AND RISK
Chair: Erika Vause
Anne L. Murphy, University of Hertfordshire
• The Performance of Public Credit during the Late Eighteenth Century, England
Mathieu Charbonneau, Carleton University
• The Origins of Modern Insurance: The Construction of a Life-Centered Insurance
  Regime in England, 1664-1774
Mark Metzler, University of Texas at Austin
• Credit and Debt in the Great Depression of the Late Nineteenth Century

12:00-1:15   Lunch

1:15-3:00    5. COLONIAL BANKING
Chair: Chia Yin Hsu
Admire Mseba, University of Iowa
• Money and Autonomy in a Settler Colony: The Politics of Monetary Regulation in
  Colonial Zimbabwe, c.1938 - c.1965
Hicham Safieddine, University of Toronto
• The Pre-Making of Lebanon’s Central Bank: The Long Monetary Mandate, 1920-
  1964

3:00-3:30    Break

3:30-5:15    6. GLOBAL MONEY, ECONOMIC PANIC, CULTURAL CRISIS
Chair: Chia Yin Hsu
Allan Lumba, Harvard University
• Shattered Speculations: The Interwar Bailout of Empire in the American Colonial
  Philippines
Bryna Goodman, University of Oregon
• Dubious Figures, Scandals, and the Credibility of the Exchange, 1910s-1920s
  Shanghai
Rebecca Karl, New York University
• Culture and Economics: A 1930s Critique, China