



The Importance of Elites and their Demography for Knowledge and Development

22-23 June 2016, IRES, Louvain-la-Neuve (B)

Wednesday June 22 (Room Lecl 93)

12h30 Lunch (for presenters & chairmen) at "Nulle Part Ailleurs", 9 Grand Rue, Louvain-la-Neuve

14h15 Chairman: **David de la Croix (UCLouvain)**
Welcoming address

14h20 **Neil Cummins (LSE)**
The Political Economy of Dynastic Marriage

15h10 **Etienne Wasmer (Sc.po)**
A Brief History of Human Time. Exploring a Database of "Notable People" (with Olivier Gergaud and Morgane Laouenan)

16h00 Coffee break

Chairman: **Thomas Baudin (U. Lille 3)**

16h30 **Paula E. Gobbi (UCLouvain)**
Childless Aristocrats. Fertility, Inheritance, and Persistent Inequality in Britain (1550-1950) (with Marc Goñi)

17h20 **Francesco Cinnirella (CESifo Group Munich)**
The Role of Human Capital and Innovation in Economic Development: Evidence from Post-Malthusian Prussia

18h10 **Gregory Clark (UC Davis)**
The Demographic Collapse of English Elites, 1880-1940, and its Economic and Social Consequences

19h15 Dinner (for presenters & chairmen) at "Loungeatude"

Thursday June 23 (Room Sénat Académique)

Chairman: **Luca Pensieroso (UCLouvain)**

9h00 **Joel Mokyr (Northwestern U.)**
A Culture of Growth. The Origins of the Modern Economy

9h50 Fabio Mariani (UCLouvain)

An Economic Theory of Handedness (With Marion Mercier and Luca Pensieroso)

10h40 Coffee Break

Chairman: **Jean-François Fagnart (U. St Louis, Brussels)**

11h10 Marc Goñi (U. Vienna)

Landed Elites and Education Provision in England and Wales. Evidence from School Boards, 1870-99

12h00 David de la Croix (UCLouvain)

Decessit sine prole – Childlessness, Celibacy, and Survival of the Richest in Pre-Industrial England (with Eric Schneider and Jacob Weisdorf)

12h50 Lunch (for all participants, at IRES)

Chairman: **Morgane Laouenan (Panthéon Sorbonne) (Room Lecl 93)**

14h30 Mara Squicciarini (Northwestern U.)

Knowledge Elites and Modernization: Evidence from Revolutionary France (with Nico Voigtlaender)

15h20 Felipe Valencia (U. Bonn)

Engineering Growth: Innovative Capacity and Development in the Americas (with William Maloney)

16h10 Poster Session & Beer Party (for all participants, at IRES)

Chairman: **Bastien Chabé-Ferret (UCLouvain)**

Annalisa Frigo (UCLouvain) *"Now She is Martha, Then She is Mary": The Influence of Beguinages on Gender Norms*

Ricardo Turati (UCLouvain) *Multiculturalism and Growth: Skill-specific Evidence from post-WW2 Period*

Eric Roca (UCLouvain) *Inheritance Systems and the Dynamics of State Capacity in Medieval Europe*

Scientific committee: David de la Croix, Jean – François Fagnart, Paula E. Gobbi, Morgane Laouenan.

Attendance is free but registration is mandatory. To register, send an email to claudine.stage@uclouvain.be