

**Third Joint Summer School of the  
GLOBALEURONET Research Networking Programme  
and  
the Marie Curie Research Training Network  
'Unifying the European Experience'**

**Economic and Social Inequalities  
In Historical Perspective**

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**Local organizer:**

Pierre-Cyrille Hautcoeur (Paris School of Economics and EHESS)

**Lecturers:**

Robert Allen (University of Oxford)  
Gilles Postel-Vinay (EHESS and PSE)  
Jean-Laurent Rosenthal (California Institute of Technology)  
Nathan Sussman (Hebrew University Jerusalem)  
Daniel Waldenstrom (Research institute of industrial economics)  
Jeffrey Williamson (Harvard University)

## **Programme**

The Summer School has a duration of 5 days. Each day there will be two main lectures by invited speakers in the morning. In the afternoon simultaneous Student Sessions will take place, in which Ph.D. and Post-doc students will present and discuss their research papers with senior scholars.

The lead speaker for this Summer School, **Robert Allen**, is one of the most influential economic historians today, the author of path-breaking monographs, articles and contributions in books on British agriculture, the soviet industrial revolution and many other topics. He has recently researched extensively the global history of wages, prices and living standards. All other lecturers have been actively engaged in the measure and understanding of inequalities at various geographical levels and historical periods. This summer school will introduce students to the current research frontier in this area.

## **General Description**

This summer school aims at revisiting the measurement, origins, and consequences of economic and social inequalities in a historical framework. The questions will be pursued over a broad time span from the neolithic revolution to the twenty-first century and across the globe. The roles of markets, property relations, informal institutions, and state activities will be addressed. Policies to deal with inequalities will also be dealt with. How have changes in property rights and in the intended and unintended actions of governments affected inequality?

Bob Allen will define the themes in a broad way in five lectures on the grand transitions of world history: the shift from foraging to agriculture, the transition from ancient slavery to medieval serfdom, the great divergence in world incomes since 1492, the industrial revolution, and the unsuccessful attempt to replace capitalism with communism in the Soviet Union.

## **The Organizers**

The school is jointly organized by the Research Training Network 'Unifying the European Experience: Historical Lessons of Pan-European Development' (based at CEPR and funded under the EU Sixth Framework Programme) and the ESF Research Networking Programme GLOBALEURONET. Both networks aim to contribute to the development of a truly European economic history profession by analyzing the economic development of Europe as a whole. The CEPR-based Research Training Network collects pan-European data and stimulates the use of up-to-date economic and historical techniques to provide accounts of European growth, economic integration, economic and social policies, and the changing nature of Europe's economic relationships with the rest of the world. The ESF Programme GLOBALEURONET organizes networking research activities and data collection at European level in areas such as welfare indicators, historical economic geography, business cycles, technological change, human capital and the diffusion of knowledge.

The *Atelier Simiand* at the Paris School of Economics groups a number of historians and economists aiming at developing innovative research programs in economic history. Their research focuses in particular on financial, labour and inequalities' history.

## **Participants**

The school is targeted to doctorate and post-doctorate students in economics, economic history and related disciplines.

## **Applications and deadlines**

The participants will be selected on the basis of the information included in the application form (a word version can be downloaded here).

Applicants are requested to fill in the form and return it electronically, together with a short CV, to

Ms. Sapna Patel, CEPR Meetings Assistant at: [spatel@cepr.org](mailto:spatel@cepr.org) (tel. +44 20 7183 8813) by **May 1<sup>st</sup> 2008**. Accepted candidates will be notified by the end of May, 2008.

**Fees and Scholarships**

Participants will be charged EUR 1,000 covering registration, meals, boarding and background material. However, a number of grants covering travel expenses and fee waivers will be available, and we strongly encourage all those interested in participating to apply.