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2nd CEPR Applied Micro-Economic History Workshop, St. Gallen, February 5-6, 2026

Schedule

Thursday, 05 February 2026

10:00am – 10:30am

Registration and Welcome

10:30am – 12.00pm

Session 1-A – Gender (Room: 61-070)

Marc Goñi (U Bergen): “Women’s Rights in Early Modern France”

Celine Zipfel (Stockholm School of Economics): “Engines of Empowerment: Cattle Tending, the Milking Machine, and Women in Politics”

Mara Squicciarini (U Bocconi): “When Tariffs Weave Change: Protectionism, Industrialization and Gender Norms in 19th-Century Italy”

Session 1-B – Use of Historical Data (Room: 61-152)

Timur Öztürk (U Bayreuth): “Reproducible and Agentic LLM Workflows in Historical Data Extraction: Insights from Nobility Data in Degener’s *Wer ist’s?* (1911)”

Suleyman Faruk Gozen (Bristol University): “Business Dynamism and Innovation: Evidence from Novel 19th-Century Microdata”

Davide Cantoni (LMU): City Directories as a Source of Historical Microdata: Progress Report

12:00pm – 1:30pm

Lunch

(Seeger; [Oberer Graben 2, 9000 St. Gallen](https://www.seeqer.ch/); <https://www.seeqer.ch/>)

1:30pm – 3:00pm

Session 2-A – Organizational Practices (Room: 61-070)

Yannis Kastis (UCL): “Organizational Practices and Technology Adoption: Evidence from Jewish Immigration and the Tailoring Industry in England”

Bruno Caprettini (HSG): “Wages and the Great War. Evidence from the largest draft lottery in history”

Joachim Voth (U Zurich): “Never Enough: Dynamic Status Incentives in Organizations”

Session 2-B – Immigration (Room: 61-152)

Gianluca Russo (UPF): “Outmigration and Long-Run Economic Development: Evidence from the Italian Mass Migration”

Davide M. Coluccia (U Bristol): Welcoming the Tired and Poor: Grassroots Associations and Immigrant Assimilation during the Age of Mass Migration

Katherine Eriksson (UC Davis): “Immigrants’ Wages, Integration and New Arrivals”

3:00pm – 3:30pm

Coffee Break (Room: 61-052)

3:30pm – 5:00pm

Session 3-A – Human Capital and Innovation (Room: 61-070)

Luca Repetto (Uppsala University): “Human capital shocks and innovation: Evidence from Britain’s Lost Generation”

Moritz Lubczyk (Rockwool Foundation, Berlin): “Rosie the Researcher: How Female WWII hires changed science in US firms”

Alexander Whalley (University of Calgary): Researchers, Ideas, and Economic Growth: Evidence from Vietnam War Draft Avoidance

Session 3-B – Political Economy (Room: 61-152)

Roland Hodler (University of St. Gallen): “Regional majorities”

Nicola Fontana (Trinity College Dublin): “When the Dictator is in Town”

Nico Voigtlaender (UCLA Anderson): “Ballots and Progress: Political Inclusion and Development in 19th-Century France”

8:00pm

Dinner

(Brasserie LOK; [Grünbergstrasse 7, 9000 St. Gallen; https://www.brasserieelok.ch/](https://www.brasserieelok.ch/))

Friday, 06 February 2026

10:30am – 12.00am

Session 4-A – Political Conflicts (Room: 61-070)

Vladimir Avetian (University Paris-Dauphine): “Ink and Ire: The Revolutionary Impact of Russian Literature”

Fabian Wahl (WU Vienna) The Long-Run Effects of Popular Uprisings: Evidence from the German Peasants’ War

Matthias Weigand (Harvard U): “Crisis, State Capacity, and the Rise of Autocracy: A Design-based Analysis of the Thirty Years’ War”

Session 4-B – Consequences of Major Shocks (Room: 61-152)

Kris Mitchner (Santa Clara University): “Do Pandemics Change Healthcare? Evidence from the Great Influenza”

Gaia Dossi (Einaudi): “Dealing with Adversity: Religiosity or Science? Evidence from the Great Influenza Pandemic”

Martin Schlesinger (U Graz): “Industrialization of the Alps”

12:00pm – 1:30pm

Lunch

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1:30pm – 3:00pm

Session 5-A – The making of the American economy (Room: 61-070)

Carola Frydman (Northwestern U): “Unfinished Business: The Long Ascent of Women into Corporate Leadership”

Vitalia Eliseeva (PSE): “The Market for Stories: How Market Consolidation Shaped Narratives in US History Textbooks”

Lukas Althoff (Stanford): “America’s Rise in Human Capital Mobility”

Session 5-B – Pre-industrial Activities (Room: 61-152)

Battista Severgnini (Copenhagen Business School): “Colors of Growth”

Alexandra M. de Pleijt (Wageningen University): “Alienated Intellectuals”

David de la Croix (UC Louvain): “Flora, Cosmos, Salvatio: Pre-modern Academic Institutions and the Spread of Ideas”

3:00pm – 3:30pm

Coffee Break (Room: 61-052)

3:30pm – 5:00pm

Session 6-A – Industrial location decisions (Room: 61-070)

Michele Rosenberg (U Essex): “Factory Location: Resistance to Technology Adoption and Local Institutions”

Sebastian Oettinger (CERGE-EI): “Forced Migration and Industry Diffusion”

Timo Wochner (ETH Zurich): “Economic Development in the Shadow of War”

Session 6-B – Social Mobility and Wealth Inequality (Room: 61-152)

Neil Cummins (LSE): “Wealth Inequality in England 1258-1858: Evidence from Wills”

Paul Sharp (University of Southern Denmark): “The Schleswig-Holstein Question Revisited: Social Mobility and National Identity Formation”

Julian Costas-Fernandez (University of Surrey): “Stayin’ Elite: Wealth, Multigenerational Persistence, and Political Power Among the US Hyperwealthy, 1875-1950”

End of Conference

7.00pm

Informal Dinner

(Fondue Beizli; [Brühlgasse 26, 9000 St. Gallen](#); <http://www.fonduebeizli.ch/>)

Conference Venue

University of St. Gallen (HSG), [Rosenbergstrasse 30](#):

- Room 61-070 (Floor 0) – Sessions A
- Room 61-152 (Floor 1) – Sessions B

Instructions for Presenters:

Each paper receives a 30-minute time slot – 20 minutes for presentation and 10 minutes for general discussion. The last presenter acts as session chair and timekeeper. Send your presentations to bruno.caprettini@gmail.com or bring them on a USB-stick.

Please send any questions to the organizers:

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Important Information:

How to get to St Gallen:

From Zurich Airport to St Gallen:

Train: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/7imtdevLuwMFxZfV7>

How to get from the Train Station to the Hotel:

From the Train Station to the Hotel Einstein (Berneggstrasse 2, 10 min walk)

Walk: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/Wb55gpnAWo4J4Wnz6>

How to get to the dinners:

From Hotel to the Conference Dinner (Feb 5, 2026)

(ca. 15 min walk)

Walk: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/h4RM9z83Viu1bVRGA>

From Hotel to the Informal Dinner (Feb 6, 2026)

(ca. 8 min walk through the nice downtown)

Walk: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/ZJuiBWvjdata5k4w9>