African and Latin American economic history have seen a boost during the last twenty years. Articles and books have increased our knowledge on both regions, especially through quantitative studies. The works by Bolt, Inklaar, Jong, & Zanden, (2018); Fourie, (2016); Hillbom (2014, 2015) have shed light on diverse aspects related to African economic development. In addition, in the last fifteen years economic history in Latin America has received growing attention and several books have been published on the region, for example Natural Resources and Economic Growth: Learning from History, The Economic Development of Latin America Since Independence and The Economic History of Latin America since Independence. However, despite this noticeable development, the comparative works between both regions are almost absent. Notwithstanding the classic article by Bates, Coatsworth, & Williamson, (2007), “Lost decades: postindependence performance in Latin America and Africa” it is difficult to find comparative analysis in historical perspective.

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Schedule

Wednesday 18th September

Room Alpha 1, 1010

13.00 - 13.30 Introduction: Cristián Ducoing and Ellen Hillbom

13.30 - 14.30 Keynote
Luis Bértola
"Research in economic history and inequality"

14:30 - 14:45 Coffee Break

14:45 - 16:00 Paper session 1: Inequality
Chair: Ellen Hillbom
"Income Inequality in Colonial Africa: Building Social Tables for Pre-Independence Senegal and Ivory Coast (Alfani & Tadei)
Discussants: Stefania Galli & Dimitrios Theodoridis
"Reversal of fortune or persistence of wealth?
Comparative evidence on wealth inequality in the Danish West Indies in the mid-nineteenth century" (Rönnbäck, Galli & Theodoridis).
Discussant: Federico Tadei

16:00 - 16:30 Summing up: Discussion lead by Ellen Hillbom
Thursday 19th September

Room Alpha 1, 1010

8.30 - 10:00 Keynotes
"Ores for Development? Characteristics and socio-economic effects of mining in Africa and Latin America" (Dacil Juif).
"Promises and pitfalls of diachronic comparison: the lost decades in Africa and Latin America" (Ewout Frankema)

10:00 - 10.30 Coffee break

10.30 - 12.00 Paper session 2: Natural Resources and Development
Chair: Cristián Ducoing

Breaking the resource curse: the revival of agriculture and inclusive growth during the commodity boom in Latin America. (Palacio)
Discussant: José Peres-Cajías

“Andean countries in the mirror of the Nordic countries: the trade puzzle in the long run.” (Badia-Miró, Navarro & Peres-Cajías)
Discussant: Andrés Palacio

12:00 - 13:00 Work Lunch - Summing up lead by Cristián Ducoing

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