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Friends of the ANU Centre for Economic History,

Welcome to this issue of the CEH newsletter. We are happy to report some return to normality with the programme for AusClio at Monash in October, participation by Zoom. With sadness we also mark the passing of Ian McLean. Once again, thanks for your interest in the Centre for Economic History. We hope that you keep safe and well.

Tim Hatton, CEH Director

AusClio 2020: Friday, October 9th 2020

Preliminary Programme

Organised by Weijia Li and Sascha O. Becker (Monash U)

- 9:15 – 9:30** Zooming in:
<https://monash.zoom.us/j/92242116489?pwd=VjZjb2l0SXZzaVJhR3FSdkhWc1EzUT09>
- 9:30 – 10:25** Presenter: Laura Panza (University of Melbourne)
Sainthood and Persecution
 Discussant: Pauline Grosjean (UNSW)
- 10:25 – 11:20** Presenter: Mark Hup (UC Irvine)
Corvée Labor and State Capacity in Colonial Indonesia
 Discussant: Tuan-Hwee Sng (NUS)
- 11:20 – 12:15** Presenter: Felipe Valencia Caicedo (UBC)
Country of Women? Repercussions of the Triple Alliance War in Paraguay
 Discussant: Federico Maserà (UNSW)
- 12:15 – 13:15** Lunch break
- 13:15 – 14:10** Presenter: Pauline Grosjean (UNSW)
Heroes and Villains: The Effects of Combat Heroism on Autocratic Values and Nazi Collaboration in France
 Discussant: Paul Raschky (Monash U)
- 14:10 – 15:05** Presenter: Tim Kooijmans (RMIT)
Why is Financial Misconduct Procyclical?
 Discussant: Giovanni Caggiano (Monash U)

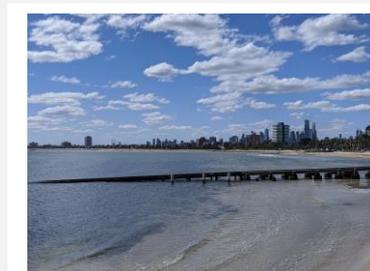
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AusClio Programme continued

15:05 – 15:35 Coffee Break

15:35 – 16:30 Presenter: Cong Liu (Jinan University)
Military Investment and the Rise of Industrial Clusters: Evidence from China's First Industrial Policy, 1858-1937
 Discussant: Chicheng Ma (Hong Kong U)

16:30 – 17:25 Presenter: John Tang (University of Melbourne)
Epidemics and economic development in historical perspective: evidence from Meiji Japan
 Discussant: Yuzuru Kumon (Toulouse)



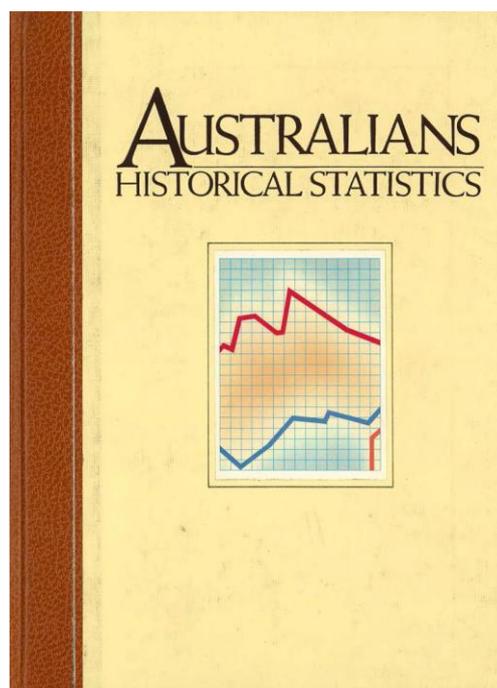
ASSA makes *HISTORICAL STATISTICS* readily accessible

Conceived in the late 1970s as a contribution by the Australian historical profession to the Bicentenary of European colonisation, *Australians: a historical library*, in ten volumes, is available in most larger libraries, but is now available in a digitised version on the website of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia (ASSA).

Published by Fairfax, Syme and Weldon in 1987 and 1988, the ten full-colour volumes were printed in Adelaide by the Griffin Press and sold by subscription. After long negotiations over intellectual property issues, *Australians* is now made available on the ASSA website as an academic resource with permission of copyright holder Pan Macmillan Australia Pty Ltd.

Over four hundred writers contributed to the project, including geographers, demographers, economists, anthropologists, archaeologists, and political scientists, as well as historians. Of particular relevance to economic historians is the volume dedicated to *Historical Statistics* for Australia. The statistics volume has 26 separate chapters.

All volumes for the project including the Historical Statistics volume can be accessed on <https://socialsciences.org.au/australians/>



In Memoriam: Ian McLean

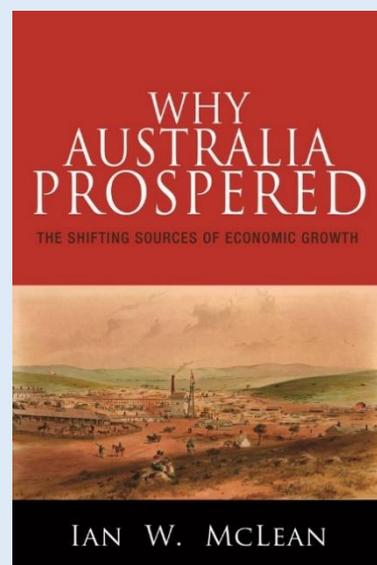
We are saddened to report the passing of Ian W. McLean on May 24, 2020.

Born in New Zealand, Ian received his B.A. from the University of Wellington. Shortly thereafter, he moved to Australia, where he began researching technological adoption in 19th-century Victoria. He completed his Ph.D. in economics in 1971 at Australian National University under the supervision of Noel Butlin. Soon after, Ian began a lifelong career as a professor and researcher at the University of Adelaide, publishing influential economic history articles on the living standards, income distribution, and long-run economic growth of Australia.

An abiding focus of Ian's research was a desire to understand how a small, frontier economy, isolated by distance and exporting primary products and minerals, was able to develop into one of the richest countries in the world (in terms of per capita GDP) by the beginning of the 20th century. His interest in these themes culminated in his magnum opus, *Why Australia Prospered: The Shifting Sources of Economic Growth* (Princeton University Press, 2012). Ian retired from Adelaide in 2007. In 2020 he was awarded the E.O.G. Shann Award for Distinguished Service to Economic History in Australia and New Zealand.

Ian's pathbreaking work documenting the importance of both geography and institutions in shaping long-run development speaks for itself, but what made him a leader of our tribe was his incredible generosity and spirit with students, not only in Australia, but around the globe. Many of us came to know him through his stints as a visiting scholar or visiting professor at academic departments in North America, including UC Berkeley, Stanford, Harvard, and Yale Universities. In all these cases, Ian served as a bridge between ambitious graduate students and all-too-often preoccupied faculty — gracefully providing stewardship and mentorship. His patience, wisdom, and guidance helped launch the careers of many prominent members of the discipline, and left an indelible mark on the field of economic history. He will be greatly missed.

Barry Eichengreen and Kris James Mitchener



CEH news and working papers at: <https://www.rse.anu.edu.au/research/centres-projects/centre-for-economic-history/>

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All CEH affiliates who are registered with RePEc are invited to add the Centre as an affiliation on IDEAS: <https://edirc.repec.org/data/cpanuau.html>

News from the Archives

Sydney Stock Exchange Registers digitized. Sydney Stock Exchange stock and share lists, 1901 - 1950, from the Noel Butlin Archives Centre have been digitised and are now part of a joint ANU-AARNET project to investigate methods of making the content available as manipulable data for future research.

So far, we have digitised 199 large format bound volumes of the official lists of stock and share prices that were posted up each trading day for the public to see at the Sydney Stock Exchange call room. The closing prices were entered by hand on pre-printed sheets, presenting challenges for automated extraction of data. The volumes contain more than 70,000 pages. To access the digitised volumes go to the ANU's Open Research repository <https://openresearch-repository.anu.edu.au/handle/1885/146659>

Work is now underway on enhancing access by extracting data elements from the registers such as dates, session times, company names and share prices. More information on project progress is available in investigator Tim Sherratt's jupyter notebook <https://nbviewer.jupyter.org/github/wragge/sydney-stock-exchange/blob/master/summary.ipynb>. The ultimate aim is to unlock the potential of the archives by moving from digitised items to a corpus of archival data. If anyone has feedback on the project or would like more information Stock Exchange related holdings in the Archives, please contact butlin.archives@anu.edu.au

An addition to our Friendly Societies collection. Over the years the Noel Butlin Archives Centre has built an extensive collection of archives of Australian Friendly Societies including [Manchester Unity Independent Order of Oddfellows](#) and the [Grand United Order of Oddfellows](#). We have recently received a large collection of archives from Foresters Financial, the successor to the [Ancient Order of Foresters](#) including membership records and minutes. We are currently working to describe these records so they are available to all researchers.

Tooth and Company archives. The [Tooth and Company](#) archive, including records from Tooth



& Co, Resch's Ltd and Mittagong Maltings, is one of the largest and most heavily used collections in the Noel Butlin Archives Centre. We are part way through a project to describe all items in our database to inform researcher of what we hold about the operations of the business and hotels throughout New South Wales.

The Archives has developed this [online exhibition](#) incorporating an [interactive map](#) to help researchers find their way into this large and complex collection.

Centre for Economic History Discussion Paper Series

The CEH website hosts a discussion paper series on a variety of topics in economic history. Recent additions to the series are as follows:

- 2020-06 “Chinese Entrepreneurship in Indonesia: A Business Demography Approach,”
by Pierre van der Eng
- 2020-05 “Send Them a Shipload of Rice: Australia’s Food Aid to Indonesia, 1960s-
1970s,” by Pierre van der Eng
- 2020-04 “Voting Up? The Effects of Democracy and Franchise Extension on Human
Stature,” by Alberto Batinti, Joan Costa-Font and Timothy J. Hatton
- 2020-03 “South Australia’s Employment Relief Program for Assisted Immigrants:
Promises and Reality, 1838-1843,” by Edwyna Harris and Sumner La Croix

Centre affiliates and visitors are encouraged to submit working papers to the series. All papers are available at: <https://ideas.repec.org/s/auu/hpaper.html>

Request for potential reviewers for work in progress:

The Birth of the Modern World: An Interdisciplinary History of the World Economy since 1800 By Cameron Gordon

Coming out in 2021 from Palgrave Macmillan, this book will tell the sweeping saga of the creation of the modern economy, and the world it has wrought, for better and for worse. A full outline of the work can be found at:

<https://www.researchgate.net/publication/341285408> [The birth of the modern world an interdisciplinary history of the world economy since 1800](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/341285408). To see more details, progress reports, and works-in-progress, follow this page: <https://sites.google.com/view/talltelling/1800-book>

If you are interested in commenting on draft chapters please email: cameron.gordon@anu.edu.au

