Friends of the ANU Centre for Economic History,

This is our first issue of the year for the Centre, and while the campus may be quiet over the summer holidays, your colleagues down under have been assiduously planning a number of activities in the coming months. These include two workshops in March on the topics of heights and transport; a bevy of eminent visitors, including our featured economic historian Professor Richard Steckel; and the next Australasian Cliometrics Workshop to be hosted in Adelaide in November. We also have some happy announcements regarding some of Centre affiliates and recaps of recent events. This is an exciting time for economic history in our region and in general, so thanks for your support and happy new year.

Best,
John Tang, CEH Director

Featured Economic Historian: Professor Richard Steckel

The Centre is pleased to welcome to Australia the distinguished economic historian Rick Steckel (Ohio State). Over four decades Rick has pioneered the study of human height and its implications for economic development and living standards in history. His most well known contributions include using height to study the welfare of slaves, the antebellum divergence between health and income, and above all the use of skeletal remains to infer living standards in pre-modern times.

His innovative work on health and height has earned him international recognition in scientific fields far beyond economic history. At Ohio State he is Distinguished University Professor of Economics, Anthropology and History. He has been president of the Social Science History Association and of the Economic History and editor of Explorations in Economic History. He is a Fellow of the Cliometric Society and a Research Associate of the NBER.

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Richard Steckel (ctd.)

[from p.1] Rick will be delivering the Noel Butlin Lecture at the Asia Pacific Economic and Business History conference to be held in Canberra on 12-14 February. His lecture is entitled “New Approaches to the Standard of Living”.

Rick will be back in Canberra at the Centre in early March where he will participate in our workshop on Human Heights and Economic Development (see programme on p. 4). -TH

Laura Panza wins DECRA

The Centre is happy to announce that Dr. Laura Panza (Melbourne) has received the prestigious Australian Research Council’s Discovery Early Career Research Award for 2015-17. Her project "aims to contribute to a deeper understanding of the long-run economic impact of the Arab-Israeli conflict" and "provide new insights to improve the prospects for viable economic growth and development in the region through trade policy and increased labour market integration." Congratulations! -JT

Jetlog: Report on the Inaugural Australasian Cliometrics Workshop

On 25 November 2014, the University of Melbourne hosted the inaugural Australasian Cliometrics meeting. Co-sponsored by the Centre, the one day workshop allowed the presentation of six works in progress by junior researchers and PhD students from all over the world.

The format of the workshop is similar to that of the annual Cliometrics Society meeting in the United States. Presenters are allowed 10 minutes to introduce the topic, followed by a 15 minute discussion and then 20 minutes of general discussion. The six papers were made available several weeks before the workshop and all participants were asked to read the papers before the workshop.

Stoja Andric (Monash) opened the morning session with an analysis of 21 OECD countries from 1820–2009 to look at increases in educational attainment over the past 200 years and their causes. The next paper was by Eik Swee and Laura Panza (Melbourne), which looked at the impact of the opening of the Suez Canal on the formation of institutions in British India and in the Straits Settlements (Malaysia and Singapore). This was followed by Mattia Fochesato (Sciences Po), whose paper aimed to explain the divergence in wages across Europe after the Black Plague.

After lunch, Martine Mariotti (ANU) presented a hypothesis for why we see a decline in the heights of soldiers at the turn of the twentieth century. This was followed by a paper by John Tang (ANU), who provided an
Jetlog: 2014 AusClio Melbourne

[from p. 2] interesting analysis of the impact of Japanese industrialization on mortality rates. The final paper was given by Hoa Nguyen (Arizona), who examined the relationship between road development and automobile diffusion in the early 20th century in the United States. All papers benefitted from strong discussion by all participants, showing again how useful it is that the papers were read in advance of the workshop.

The workshop concluded with two special lectures. The first was given by Les Hannah (Tokyo), who discussed the spread of incorporation around the world during the past century. Ending the day was Simon Ville’s (Wollongong) Kieth Hancock lecture and the Melbourne launch of his edited volume The Cambridge Economic History of Australia (with Glenn Withers, ANU).

Many thanks to the local organizers Lyndon Moore and Laura Panza. For those interested in the next AusClio, to be held in Adelaide this November, please see the call for papers below. -MM

Zach Ward joins RSE

The ANU Research School of Economics and the Centre for Economic History would like to extend a warm welcome to the school’s newest faculty member, Dr. Zachary Ward. Zach, who will join the RSE in early 2015 as a lecturer, completed his PhD in economics at the University of Colorado Boulder in 2014 under the supervision of Professor Ann Carlos.

Zach is an economic historian and applied microeconomist with interests in early 20th century migration, and has two papers forthcoming in The Journal of Economic History and Explorations in Economic History, respectively. He has also won numerous awards for his teaching and will be a valuable colleague for the RSE and the community of economic historians in Australia. -JT

Call for Papers: AusClio Adelaide 9 November 2015

The University of South Australia Business School, in conjunction with the University of Adelaide the the ANU Centre for Economic History, will be hosting the Second AusClio workshop in Adelaide, Australia on 9 November 2015. The format will be single session one-hour slots per paper, with 10 minutes for the presenter, 20 minutes for the discussant, and 30 minutes for floor discussion. Attendees are expected to have read all papers before the workshop. There is no registration fee and catering for the day is provided. Limited travel support is available, with priority to PhD students.

We are inviting submissions of full papers (preferred) or long abstracts (1500-2000 words). Preference will be given to quantitative research, although papers dealing with any area of economic, financial, and accounting history will be considered. We are also interested in anyone who would like to be a discussant; please contact us at the email below.

Deadline for submissions (paper or abstract): 11 July 2015
Notification for acceptance no later than: 31 July 2015
Full paper submission deadline: 31 August 2015

Please send submissions or inquiries to: AusClio@hotmail.com
Workshop on Human Heights and Economic Development
5-6 March 2015
Fred Gruen Suite, Arndt Building 25A
Research School of Economics, Australian National University

Thursday, 5 March 2015

1.00pm Welcome and Light Lunch

2.00-3.30pm Session 1

Tim Hatton and Pierre van der Eng (ANU) (with Daniel Suryadarma and Robert Sparrow): "Fertility Decline and the Health of Children in Indonesia"

Diana Contreras Suarez (Monash): “Linking Children's Physical Development with Cognitive Development in Rural Areas"

3.30-4.00pm: Tea/Coffee

4.00-4.45pm: Session 2

Kitae Sohn (Kookmin): “A World Record in the Improvement in the Biological Standard of Living in Korea: Evidence from the Age of Menarche"

5.30-7.00pm: F. H. GRUEN PUBLIC LECTURE (Arndt Building, Lecture Theatre 1)

Jeff Williamson (Harvard and Wisconsin): “How We Became Unequal: Inequality in the American Mirror"

Friday, 6 March 2015

9.30-11.00am: Session 3


Zach Ward (ANU): "The U-Shaped Selection of Return Migrants"

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Friday, 6 March 2015 (cont.)

11.00-11.30am: Tea/Coffee

11.30-12.15pm: Session 4

Rick Steckel (Ohio State): “A Dreadful Childhood: The Long Shadow of American Slavery”

12.15-1.30pm: Light Lunch

1.30-3.00pm: Session 5

Johan Fourie (Stellenbosch) (with Martine Mariotti and Kris Inwood): “Can Historical Changes in Military Technology Explain the Industrial Growth Puzzle?”

Kris Inwood (Guelph) (with Les Oxley and Evan Roberts): "Tall, Active and Well-made”? New Insights into Māori Stature and Health"

3.00-3.30pm: Tea/Coffee

3.30-5.00pm: Session 6


Hamish Maxwell-Stewart (Tasmania): "Growing Incomes, Growing People in Nineteenth-century Tasmania"

To register interest in attending the workshop, please email CEH.RSE@anu.edu.au

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The Economic Impact of Canals and Railways: New Perspectives  
Pre-session Workshop for the XVII World Economic History Congress

Friday, 27 March 2015  
Fred Gruen Suite, Arndt Building 25A  
Research School of Economics, Australian National University

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| 9:45-11:15| Remi Jedwab (George Washington): "Transportation Revolutions and Urban Path Dependence in Africa"  
Alfonso Herranz-Lonzán (Barcelona) (with Johan Fourie): "The Efficiency Effects of Cape Colony Railways and the Origins of Racial Inequality"  
| 11:15-11:45| Coffee break                        |
John Tang (ANU): "Industrialization and Mortality Rates: Evidence from Meiji Japan"  
| 13:15-14:15| Lunch                               |
| 14:15-15:45| Christian Hung (Vanderbilt): "Evaluating the Effect of Transportation Breaks on the Antebellum Transportation Network"  
Elisabeth Perlman (Boston): "Dense Enough To Be Brilliant: Patents, Urbanization, and Transportation in Nineteenth Century America"  
| 15:45-16:15| Coffee break                        |
| 16:15-17:00| Xavier Duran (Universidad de los Andes): "Why Not Using the Wheel? Evidence from the Cambao Road in Colombia"  

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