8th BETA-WORKSHOP
IN HISTORICAL ECONOMICS
‘Population Cliometrics and Unified Growth Theory’
11-12 May 2012

Friday, 11 May

08.45-09.00  **DIEBOLT Claude** (BETA, Université de Strasbourg & AFC):
Welcome Address: Population Cliometrics and Unified Growth Theory

09.00-10.00  **ASHRAF Quamru & GALOR Oded** (Brown University):
The “Out of Africa” Hypothesis, Human Genetic Diversity, and Comparative Economic Development

10.00-10.15  Coffee Break

10.15-10.45  **BOBERG-FAZLIC Nina & WEISDORF JACOB** (University of Copenhagen):
Deskilling, Big Time! The Evolution of Human Capital in England during the First Industrial Revolution

10.45-11.15  **O’ROURKE Kevin, RAHMAN Ahmed** (United States Naval Academy), **TAYLOR Alan**
Trade, Technology and the Great Divergence

11.15-11.45  **NUVOLARI Alessandro** (Scuola Superiore Sant’Anna, Pisa) & **VERSPAGEN Bart** (Maastricht University):
Innovation and Agglomeration in Late Medieval and Early Modern Europe

11.45-12.15  **FERTIG Georg & PFISTER Ulrich** (Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster)
Malthusian Checks in Germany, 1740-1870

12.15-12.45  **CINNIRELLA Francesco** (Ifo Institute and CESifo, München), **KLEMP Marc & WEISDORF Jacob**:
Malthus in the Bedroom: Birth Spacing as a Preventive Check Mechanism in England, 1540-1870

12.45-14.00  Lunch
Session 2: Chair – LE CHAPELAIN Charlotte (Université de Lyon 3 & AFC)

14.00-14.30 LITINA Anastasia (University of Luxembourg):
Unfavorable Land Endowment, Cooperation, and Reversal of Fortunes

14.30-15.00 PENSIEROSO Luca (Université catholique de Louvain) & SOMMACAL Alessandro:
Agriculture to Industry: the End of the Patriarchal Family

15.00-15.30 BOBERG-FAZLIC Nina, SHARP Paul (University of Southern Denmark) & WEISDORF Jacob:
Nothing but a Poor Man with Money? The Changing Fertility Decisions of the Rich before the English Demographic Transition

15.30-15.45 Coffee Break

Session 3: Chair – PELLIER Karine (BETA, Université de Strasbourg & AFC)

15.45-16.15 PERRIN Faustine (BETA, Université de Strasbourg & AFC):
Gender Equity, Human Capital and Fertility. A Unified Growth Model

16.15-16.45 GIRARDIN Eric (Aix-Marseille School of Economics):
The Role of Population Growth in the Price Revolution

16.45-17.15 MINEA Alexandru (Université d’Auvergne), MONTEIRO Gonçalo & PEREIRA Alvaro:
From Growth Spurts to Sustained Growth: the Nature of Growth and Unified Growth Theory

17.15-17.45 GRAGNOLATI Ugo (Scuola Superiore Sant’Anna, Pisa), MOSCHELLA Daniele (Scuola Superiore Sant’Anna, Pisa) & PUGLIESE Emanuele (Scuola Superiore Sant’Anna, Pisa):
The Spinning Jenny and the Guillotine: Technological Diffusion at the Time of Revolution

20.00 Dinner

Saturday, 12 May

Session 4: Chair – FELICE Emanuele (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona & AFC)

08.30-09.00 MURPHY Tommy (Università Bocconi):
Old Habits Die Hard (Sometimes). Can Département Heterogeneity Tell us Something about the French Fertility Decline?

09.00-09.30 ARORA Suchit (The State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio):
Understanding Aging during the Epidemiologic Transition

09.30-10.00 RATHKE Alexander (University of Zurich) & SARFERAZ Samad:
Malthusian Dynamics and the Industrial Revolution: Evidence from a Time-Varying VAR

10.00-10.15 Coffee Break

Session 5: Chair – PERRIN Faustine (BETA, Université de Strasbourg & AFC)

10.15-10.45 REIMAT Anne (Université de Reims):
Old Age Pensions, Demography and Economic Growth in the Long Run: the French Case Revisited

10.45-11.15 WILSON Stuart (University of Regina):
The Rise of the Canadian Social Safety Net and the Demographic Transition: Cost Implications of Population Dynamics
11.15-11.45  GAZELEY Ian (University of Sussex) & NEWELL Andrew (University of Sussex):  
*The Links between Infant Mortality and Fertility: Evidence from Edwardian Britain*

11.45-12.15  MUEHLHOFF Katharina (Universität Mannheim):  
*Future Lessons from Past Epidemics? The Economics of Smallpox Vaccination in 19th Century Germany and France*

12.15-12.45  CVRCEK Tomas & LAURENCE Nicholas (Clemson University):  
*Technological Development in the Habsburg Empire: the Adoption and Diffusion of Steam Power during the Industrial Revolution: 1841-1863*

12.45-14.00  Lunch

Session 6: Chair – DEMEULEMEESTER Jean-Luc (Université Libre de Bruxelles & AFC)

14.00-14.30  FELICE Emanuele (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona):  
*Regional Convergence in Italy (1891-2001): Testing Human and Social Capital*

14.30-15.00  GRALL Lothar (Justus Liebig Universität Giessen):  
*Natural Selection, Technological Progress, and the Origin of Human Longevity*

15.00-15.30  KOYUNCU Murat (Bogazici University) & TURKGULU Burak:  
*Urbanization and Structural Change in an Endogenous Growth Setting*

15.30-15.45  Coffee Break

Session 7: Chair – DIEBOLT Claude (BETA, Université de Strasbourg & AFC)

15.45-16.15  MILIONIS Petros (University of Groningen):  
*Long Run Development in the Open Economy*

16.15-16.45  KLASING Mariko (Carleton University) & MILIONIS Petros:  
*The Evolution of World Trade, 1870-1949: A Reassessment*

16.45-17.15  HIPPE Ralph (BETA, Université de Strasbourg) & Baten Jörg:  
*‘Keep them Ignorant’. Did Inequality in Land Distribution Delay Regional Human Capital Formation?*

17.15  Conclusion