

# THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY IN TOULOUSE

PRESENTS A WORKSHOP ON

## “Explaining Institutional Change in History”

June 13-14, 2017

MS 001

### Program:

#### June 13

- 8:30-8:45 **Welcome coffee**
- 8:45 **Introduction**
- 08:50-10:30 **Session 1: Chair: Carlos Velasco Rivera** (IAST)  
**Joel Mokyr** (Northwestern): “Knowledge, Institutions and the Origins of the Great Enrichment”  
**Jose-Antonio Espin-Sanchez** (Yale): «The Rain in Spain Stays mainly when you pray» (with Salvador Gil Guirado, Universidad de Murcia)
- 10:30-11:00 **Coffee break**
- 11:00-12:40 **Session 2: Chair: Nicholas Crawford** (IAST)  
**Ian Morris** (Stanford): “The end of democracy”  
**Naomi Lamoreaux** (Yale): “States, Not Nation: The Sources of Political and Economic Development in the Early United States” (with John Wallis, U of Maryland)
- 12:40-14:00 **Lunch**
- 14:00-15:40 **Session 3: Chair: Lucas Novaes** (IAST)  
**James Fenske** (Warwick): “Linguistic Distance and Market Integration in India” (with Namrata Kala)  
**Nicholas Crawford** (IAST): “Slave Provisioning Laws and the Politics of Abolition in the British Empire”
- 15:40-16:10 **Coffee break**
- 16:10-17:00 **Session 4: Chair: Vittorio Merola** (IAST)  
**Joseph Henrich** (Harvard): The Coevolution of Psychology and Institutions
- 20:00 **Dinner (by invitation)**

#### June 14

- 8:30-8:50 **Welcome coffee**
- 08:50-10:30 **Session 5: Chair: Jonathan Stieglitz** (IAST)  
**Thomas Currie** (Exeter): “How Evolutionary Theory can inform the Study of Institutions”  
**Peter K. Bol** (Harvard): “China in 750 and 1100 Compared”
- 10:30-11:00 **Coffee break**
- 11:00-12:40 **Session 6: Chair: Kofi Asante** (IAST)  
**Johannes Preiser-Kapeller** (Austrian Academy of Sciences): “Toward that Great Byzantium ... Where Nothing Changes. Institutional Dynamics in the Medieval Roman Empire and Beyond”  
**Mohamed Saleh** (TSE and IAST): “Taxing Unwanted Populations: Fiscal Policy and Conversions in Early Islam” (with Jean Tirole, TSE and IAST)
- 12:40-14:00 **Lunch**
- 14:00-15:40 **Session 7: Chair: Michael Becher** (IAST)  
**Yannay Spitzer** (Hebrew U of Jerusalem): “Jewish Paradise: The Political Economy of the Jewish-Polish Symbiosis”  
**Peter Turchin** (U of Connecticut): “The Zigs and Zags of Inequality in Human Evolutionary History”
- 15:40-16:10 **Coffee break**
- Session 8: Moderator: Peter Turchin** (U of Connecticut)
- 16:10-17:00 **Roundtable:** “Are there general principles explaining institutional change? If there are, what are their limitations? How do we test them?”
- 20:00 **Dinner (by invitation)**

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