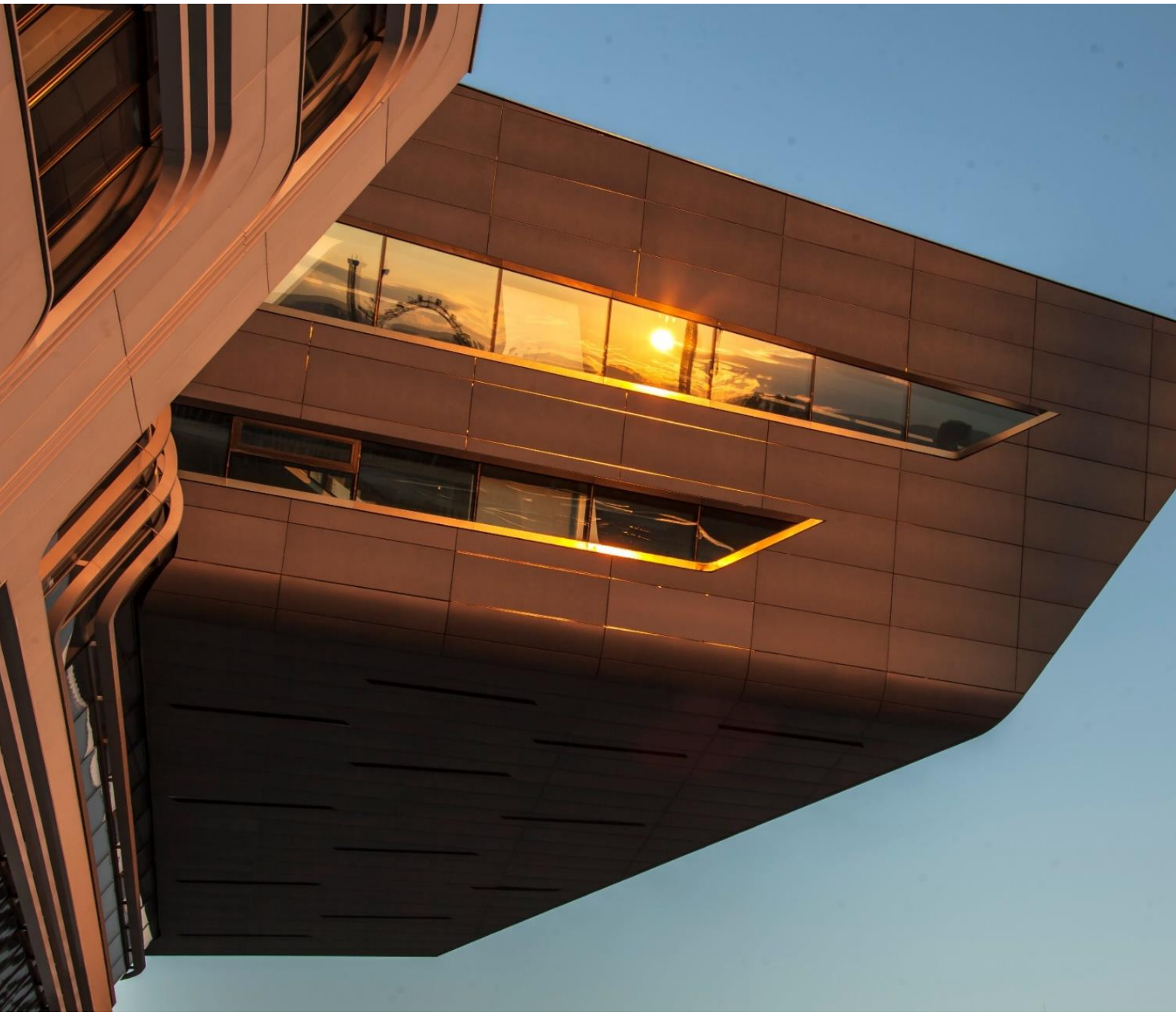
15th European Historical Economics Society Conference



1 & 2 September 2023 | Vienna University of Economics and Business, Austria

Welcome

Dear Conference Participants,

Welcome to the 15th European Historical Economics Conference at the Vienna University of Economics and Business (WU). This year, the University commemorates its 125th anniversary, alongside the 10th birthday of our modern campus situated on the historic grounds of the 1873 World's Fair. Maybe slightly more modest in size than the World Fair, but no less international, the 2023 EHES Conference hosts more than 180 presenters from all over Europe and universities from California to Tokyo and from Valparaíso to the Arctic Circle.

WU holds a strong tradition in economic history, reaching back to the University of World Trade of the 1920s that trained culturally aware (export) merchants, who helped to keep the Austrian economy afloat after the collapse of the Habsburg Empire. The interwar years were a particularly troubling time for Austria, cut off from its main energy sources and markets, politically polarized and suffering through a severe financial crisis. Concurrently, 'Red Vienna' (1919-34) pioneered social policies, providing accessible housing, education, and healthcare, leaving an indelible architectural imprint across the city.

In times of uncertainty about the future of globalization, social cohesion and ecological conditions, economic history provides valuable insights into how societies in the past have successfully tackled similar challenges – or stumbled in their attempts. The keynote lecture by Kevin O'Rourke and the papers in the conference program are excellent illustrations of this.

We thank all of you for your efforts in coming to Vienna and look forward to fruitful discussions and fresh ideas. We hope you enjoy the conference, our university, and the city of Vienna – hopefully without a 1873-type financial crash and cholera outbreak.

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Markus Lampe

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Conference schedule

European Historical Economics Society Conference

1 & 2 September 2023, Vienna, Austria

Friday 1st September 2023		
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10:00-10:30	Coffee & Tea Break	D4
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12:00-13:00	Gino Luzzatto competition	LC – Festsaal 1
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Saturday 2nd September 2023		
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15:15-16:45	Parallel Sessions 7	D4
16:45-18:15	Parallel Sessions 8	D4

Each paper receives a 30-minute time-slot —20 minutes for presentation and 10 minutes for discussion. The last presenter acts as session chair and timekeeper. For sessions with more or less than the 'normal' number of papers (3 per 90 minutes, 4 per 120 minutes), please adjust times proportionately.

Friday 9:00–10:00 LC Festsaal 1

Keynote

Kevin Hjortshøj O'ROURKE

MRIA, FBA is Professor of Economics at New York University Abu Dhabi. He holds a PhD in Economics from Harvard University and has held positions at Oxford (All Souls), Trinity College Dublin, University College Dublin, Columbia University, as well as visiting positions at Harvard and Sciences-Po. He was trustee of the EHES from 1996, president from 2009 to 2011, and editor of the EREH from 2002-07. At CEPR, he served as research director and co-coordinator of the Economic History. He co-coordinated HI-POD and the pan-European economic history RTN. In 2009, he received an ERC Advanced Grant, and in 2022, an honorary doctorate from the University of Southern Denmark. His publications include more than 100 refereed chapters and articles in leading journals as well as three books that (re)shaped our understanding of the history of economic globalization and deglobalization.

"Empires and trade distortion in the interwar period"

Everyone knows that the interwar period saw a general shift towards protectionism. Less commented-on is the discriminatory nature of this shift, as the world trading system moved away from the relative multilateralism of the late 19th century to something much more bilateral in nature. This turn towards trading blocs was regarded by contemporary observers as one of the most dangerous features of the period, not only reflecting, but exacerbating, the geopolitical tensions of the time. One post-war policy response was the generalized most-favoured nation treatment which lies at the heart of the GATT, and whose purpose is to eliminate discriminatory trade policy. But was the interwar shift towards bilateralism in fact caused by discriminatory tariffs and quotas?

Pioneering cliometric attempts to address this question found that imperial trade blocs had only a small impact on the direction of trade flows. But recent work, using detailed bilateral commodity-level data on trade flows and trade policies, and up-to-date structural gravity techniques, reaches a different conclusion. This talk will survey the impact of discriminatory trade policies in the interwar British and Dutch empires.

Friday 12:00 – 13:00 LC Festsaal 1

Gino Luzzatto Competition

Jordi CAUM-JULIO

Land revenue, inequality, and development in colonial India (1880-1910) – *University of Barcelona*

In this dissertation I explore how colonial land institutions influenced both income inequality and the provision and funding of hospitals in colonial India. To do so, I present the first income inequality estimates assessing its evolution and levels across provinces and districts as well as a novel georeferenced hospital-level database. Findings suggest that the introduction of different colonial landownership rights -granting landownership and land revenue liability either to intermediaries or cultivators- explain differences in agricultural income inequality across districts and correlate with its evolution. These different landownership rights also affected the funding of hospitals through its interaction with local agency.

https://jordicaum.wordpress.com/

Safya MORSHED

The Evolutionary Empire: Demystifying State Formation in Mughal South Asia (1556-1707) – *London School of Economics*

My thesis studies the effects of conflicts on state formation in Mughal South Asia. It shows that the precarious relationship between the state and powerful elites led the state to adopt policies which prioritised local governance. The first chapter explains high rebel forgiveness rates by demonstrating it was the elites' administrative capacity that incentivised their reincorporation into government. The second chapter shows a growth in peasant rebellions which can be linked to climate anomalies. The third chapter shows conflict pressures precipitated a 'localisation' of the state's administration. The findings highlight the importance of local cultures and environments in influencing paths of state formation.

https://www.safyamorshed.com/

Benjamin SCHNEIDER

Technological Change and Work – *University of Oxford*

This dissertation examines the impact of innovation on jobs using more than 14,000 archival wage observations and detailed qualitative evidence of working conditions. It constructs the first index of historical job quality and shows that macroinventions broadened the range of tasks, which led to an increased division of labor and raised the inequality of job-related wellbeing. It also demonstrates that there was a short-run tradeoff between job quality and productivity, and that some technological changes produced widespread unemployment. These findings contribute to scholarship on the development of living standards and provide perspective for discussions about the future of work.

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Friday 10:30-12:00 Sessions 1

1 Pandemics
D4.0.019

Do pandemics impact macroeconomic variables? A cliometric approach
Guillaume Morel
University of Strasbourg
together with
Magali Jaoul-Grammare
University of Strasbourg

The Political Effects of the 1918 Influenza Pandemic in Germany
Erik Hornung
University of Cologne
together with
Stefan Bauernschuster
University of Passau
Matthias Blum
German Medical Association
Christoph Koenig
University of Rome Tor Vergata

Modern Pandemics, Capital Allocation and Structural Change
Joan R. Roses
London School of Economics
together with
Sergi Basco
Universitat de Barcelona

2 Living standards over the very long run
D4.0.022

The Ancient Societies' Human Development Index: an Analysis of Welfare Development in the Middle East between the Neolithic Period and the Iron Age.
Alessandra Tagini
University of Tuebingen
together with
Joerg Baten
University of Tuebingen
Giacomo Benati
Universitat de Barcelona
Arkadiusz Soltysiak
University of Warsaw

Has there been a "Golden Age" of health and height in 15th and 16th century in Central and Eastern Europe?
Joerg Baten
University of Tuebingen

The Biological Standard of Living of Swiss Mercenaries, c. 1750 – c. 1850
Ulrich Woitek
University of Zurich
together with
Cédric Chambru
University of Zurich
Simon Hediger
University of Zurich

3 Gender, Marriage and fertility
D4.0.039

Female labour force participation and fertility in Italian history
Sabrina Di Addario
Bank of Italy
together with
Federico Barbiellini Amidei
Bank of Italy
Matteo Gomellini
Bank of Italy
Paolo Piselli
Bank of Italy

Demographic Transition and Religion: New Insights from Württemberg, 1871-1946
Timur Öztürk
University of Bayreuth
together with
Sebastian T. Braun
University of Bayreuth
Richard Franke
University of Bayreuth

Hypergamy Revisited: Marriage in England, 1837-2021
Neil Cummins
London School of Economics
together with
Gregory Clark
University of California, Davis/
London School of Economics/
University of Southern Denmark

4 Work, wages and credit in the medieval and early modern periods
D4.0.047

Wages in the Middle Ages: The Implications of In-kind Payments on Living Standards in Late Medieval England, 1250-1450
Jordan Claridge
London School of Economics
together with
Vincent Delabastita
Radboud University
Spike Gibbs
University of Mannheim

"Of money, spelt, and one acre of field": Rural Teachers' Wages in Early-Modern Switzerland, 1771-1799
Gabi Wuethrich
University of Zurich

"Paye it agayn whan it lith in youre ese": Forbearance in medieval England
Tony Moore
University of Reading

Friday 10:30-12:00 Sessions 1

5 Banking instability
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The expansion of the branch and correspondent networks of Canadian banks: the diverse internationalisation paths and recovery patterns across the provinces (1879–1919)
Alena Pivavarava
University of Oxford

The Economic Costs of Bank Closures: Evidence from a Natural Experiment
Jason Lennard
London School of Economics
together with
Seán Kenny
University College Cork
Emma Horgan
University College Cork

Financial instability in France and micro supervision by the Bank of France (1898 – 1939)
David Demilly
Bank of France & CRED (Paris-Panthéon-Assas)

6 Trade and market integration
D4.0.133

Ottoman Wheat Market Integration, 1500-1914
K. Kivanç Karaman
Bogazici University
together with
Sevket Pamuk
Bogazici University
Pinar Ceylan
Bogazici University

What can probate inventories tell us about grain storage? Kent, 1600-1750
Edmund Cannon
University of Bristol
together with
Liam Brunt
Norwegian School of Economics

Measuring smuggling: Dunkirk in 1787 and 1789
Guillaume Daudin
Université Paris Dauphine-PSL
together with
Loïc Charles
INED - Université Paris-8
Silvia Marzagalli
Université Côte d'Azur
Robin de Mourat
Sciences-Po
Christine Plumejeaud
La Rochelle Université
Christian Pfister
Université Côte d'Opale
Pierre Niccolò Sofia
Université Côte d'Azur

7 Inequality in the late modern era: new approaches
D4.0.136

Top earners and the Great Compression in the USA: New Estimates Based on Tax
Miguel Artola
Universidad Carlos III Madrid
together with
Víctor Gómez-Blanco
Tilburg University

Incomes and Employment of Italian Women, 1900-1950
Giacomo Gabbuti
University of Oxford/Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, Pisa
together with
María Gómez León
Universitat de València

Income inequality in Sweden 1870–1970: Evidence from micro data
Jakob Molinder
Uppsala University/Lund University

Income inequality in the Netherlands, 1850–1920: a panel study
Eva van der Heijden
Utrecht University
together with
Auke Rijpma
Utrecht University
Rick Schouten
Utrecht University
Paul Puschmann
Radboud University Nijmegen

8 Infrastructure, administration and development
D4.0.144

The impact of railroads on innovation: new evidence from Italy, 1855-1914
Marco Martinez
University of Siena
together with
Alessandro Nuvolari
Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies, Pisa
Michelangelo Vasta
University of Siena

Particularism and Public Finance: The Role of the States in the Development of the German Railway Network
Paul Lowood
University of California, Irvine

How Romans ruled the world. Aqueducts and the administration of the Empire
Filip Novokmet
Bonn University
together with
Per F. Andersson
University of Copenhagen
Andrea Matranga
Chapman University
Andrea Papadia
York University
Tomasz Zawisza
University College London

Friday 14:15-15:45 Sessions 2

1
Global living standards
D4.0.019

Living standards in urban Angola, 1760-1920
Helder Carvalhal
University of Manchester
together with
Nuno Palma
University of Manchester/ICS, Universidade de Lisboa

Data-Mining: A Comparative Study of Mining Workers' Welfare in Africa's Former Colonial Empires
Leo Dolan
Universidad Carlos III Madrid
together with
Dacil Juif
Universidad Carlos III Madrid

Living standards in Brazil: Bahia, 1572–1920
Guilherme Lambais
ICS, Universidade de Lisboa
together with
Nuno Palma
University of Manchester/ICS, Universidade de Lisboa

2
Natural disasters and the economy
D4.0.022

Regional Growth after Disaster: Evidence from East Japan after the Sanriku Coastal Tsunami of 1933
Kota Ogasawara
Tokyo Institute of Technology
together with
Eric B. Schneider
London School of Economics

Cultivating the disaster: Institutions, agricultural production and hydro-geological risk in Sicily
Vania Licio
University of Cagliari
together with
Tancredi Buscemi
University of Siena

3
Innovation advantage
D4.0.039

Operation Paperclip: Nazi Scientists and US Innovation
Bang Dinh Nguyen
University of Bayreuth

Why Britain? The Right Place (in the Technology Space) at the Right Time
Lukas Rosenberger
Northwestern University
together with
Carl Hallmann
Northwestern University
Walker Hanlon
Northwestern University

Books Go Public: The Consequences of Monastic Libraries Expropriation on Innovation
Elona Harka
University of Bergamo
Paolo Buonanno
University of Bergamo
Francesco Cinnirella
University of Bergamo
Marcello Puca
University of Bergamo

4
Vulnerability, Disruptions and Resilience in Past and Present
D4.0.047

Vulnerability, Disruption, sand Resilience – Conceptual Basics and Methodical Challenges Using the Example of Business History
Markus A. Denzel
University of Leipzig

Building regional resilience as complex interplay between structures, processes and agency. Experiences from the Ruhr Area
Rüdiger Wink
HTWK Leipzig

Holistic Innovation Strategy Mix to Build Strategic Resilience: A Multiple Case Study
Stephanie Duchek
Fraunhofer Institute for Industrial Engineering, Stuttgart

Friday 14:15-15:45 Sessions 2

5 Financial integration
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At the roots of enrichment? Exchange rate and monetary policy between Florence and the international fairs of Lyon, 1553-1569
Tommaso Brollo
University of Verona

Domestic and international financial integration in Switzerland, 1846-1893
Rebecca Stuart
University of Neuchatel
together with
Daniel Kaufmann
University of Neuchatel

The shadow interest rates in 17th century north-western Europe
Ling-Fan Li
National Tsing Hua University

6 Trade in (pre)colonial settings
D4.0.133

Christian Missionaries and Foreign Trade: 1580-1936
Xinhao Li
University of Hong Kong
together with
Zhiwu Chen
University of Hong Kong
Chicheng Ma
University of Hong Kong

The profitability of the transatlantic slave trade: aggregate estimates and explanatory factors
Klas Rönnbäck
University of Gothenburg
together with
Guillaume Daudin
Université de Paris Dauphine-PSL
Gerhard de Kok
Leiden University
David Richardson
University of Hull
Miguel Geraldes Rodrigues
Universidade Nova Lisboa

Entrepreneurship in King Leopold's Congo Free State
Marc Deloof
University of Antwerp

7 Music
D4.0.136

Competing for Equality: Understanding the Gender Gap in International Piano Competitions
Roberto Asmat
Vienna University of Economics and Business
together with
Karol J. Borowiecki
University of Southern Denmark
Marc T. Law
University of Vermont

Where Are The Female Composers in Western Classical Music?
Marc T. Law
University of Vermont
together with
Karol J. Borowiecki
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Martin Kristensen
University of Southern Denmark

8 Money and credit in the interwar years
D4.0.144

Creating Expectations: Propaganda and the Economic Recovery in Nazi Germany
Andrea Papadia
University of York
together with
Stephanie Ettmeier
University of Bonn
Alexander Kriwoluzky
DIW Berlin
Moritz Schularick
University of Bonn

Golden Fetters or Credit Boom gone bust? A reassessment of Capital Flows in the Interwar Period
Lukas Diebold
University of Mannheim

The Fraudster and the Bank
Renato Pistola
Institute of Social Sciences/ Universidade de Lisboa
together with
Luís Costa
Universidade de Lisboa
Nuno Palma
University of Manchester

Friday 16:00-18:00 Sessions 3

1 State capacity
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Endemic Violence, Civic Capital and the Fiscal-Military Revolution
Joseph Enguehard
École normale supérieure de Lyon

State capacity and infrastructural power in the early modern Ottoman Empire
Ali Coskun Tuncer
University College London
together with
Choon Hwee Koh
UCLA

State administrative deployment and population across municipalities: the case of the former Kingdom of Valencia, 1834-1930
Víctor Fernandez-Modrego
Universitat de València
together with
Daniel A. Tirado-Fabregat
Universitat de València
Alicia Gómez-Tello
Universitat de València

From Representation to Autocracy: The Many Fiscal Constitutions of the British Empire, 1790-1960
Leigh Gardner
London School of Economics

2 Long-run consequences of exploitation and trauma
D4.0.022

Scars of the Gestapo: Remembrance and Privacy Concerns
Florencia Hnilo
Stanford University
together with
Sebastian Bauer
Stanford Graduate School of Business

Activated History and Voting. Empirical Evidence from Armenia
Sinara Gharibyan
CERGE-EI Prague

Consequences of Forced Labor: Evidence from Dutch Civilians after WWII
Carola Stapper
University of Cologne

From Plantations to Prisons: The Race Gap in Incarceration After the Abolition of Slavery in the U.S.
Melissa Rubio Ramos
University of Cologne

3 Education and development from a North-South historical perspective
D4.0.039

The impact of copper mining activities on education in Zambia from a long-term perspective (1920 to 2000)
Dácil Juif
Universidad Carlos III Madrid
together with
Laura Maravall
Universidad de Alcalá

Unpacking the African mission: the evolution of educational gender gaps in colonial Mozambique
Pablo Fernández-Cebrian
Wageningen University

Only a public school? Education and growth in a developing economy: Spain, 1860-1930
Pau Insa-Sánchez
University of Siena
together with
Alfonso Díez-Minguela
Universitat de València
Julio Martinez-Galarraga
Universitat de Barcelona

Human capital and property in Northern Spain, 1850-1920
Adrián Palacios-Mateo
Universidad de Zaragoza

4 Land ownership and political economy
D4.0.047

Institutional layering and property rights enforcement: Revisiting landed property rights and legal institutions in the Spanish Empire (18th century)
Jesus Bohorquez
Universidade Nova de Lisboa

Freehold Land, Resistance To Authoritarianism and Support for Democracy: Evidence from France
Adrien Montalbo
University of Sussex

The Social Origins of Democracy and Authoritarianism Reconsidered: Prussia and Sweden in Comparison
Felix Kersting
Humboldt University Berlin
together with
Erik Bengtsson
Lund University

Legitimizing Land Grabbing - Endogenous Property Rights in Southern Africa and the Regulatory Capture of the British Empire, 1924-1952
Kondwani Happy Ngoma
University of Gothenburg
together with
Klas Rönnbäck
University of Gothenburg

Friday 16:00-18:00 Sessions 3

5 Determinants of credit market development
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Public Debt and Yield Curve Management in the UK during and after the First World War
Stefano Ugolini
University of Toulouse/LEREPS

Banks, brokers, and the credit market of Barcelona
Luis Zegarra
PUCP, Lima
together with
Yolanda Blasco
Universitat de Barcelona
Carme Riera
Universitat de Barcelona

Domestic monetary integration, transactions costs and the role of the central bank: Trieste-Vienna in the 19th century
Maria Stella Chiaruttini
University of Vienna
together with
Clemens Jobst
University of Vienna

Economic Growth Potential and Banking Development in France during the long Nineteenth Century
Vincent Bignon
Bank of France
together with
Maylis Avaro
University of Pennsylvania
Clemens Jobst
University of Vienna

6 Economic growth and disparities in the Baltic
D4.0.133

The first GDP time-series estimates for Lithuania 1919-1990 and their preliminary implications
Adomas Klimantas
Vilnius University/University of Oxford

Regional Gross Domestic Product Disparities in the Interwar and Restored Independent Lithuania
Jurgita Markevičiūtė
Vilnius University
together with
Zenonas Norkus
Vilnius University
Ola Honningdal Grytten
Norwegian School of Economics

The financial policy of the USSR in the occupied Baltic States 1946-1960
Gatis Krūmiņš
Vidzeme University of Applied Sciences

Regional Gross Domestic Product Disparities in the Interwar and Restored Independent Latvia
Zenonas Norkus
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Regional economic growth in Estonia over the long run (1923-2020)
Martin Klesment
University of Tartu

7 Public finance in (extra)ordinary times
D4.0.136

The impact of the Portuguese Liberal Revolution (1820) on municipal finances: a case study (Coimbra, 1790-1850)
José Luís Barbosa
University of Coimbra

Wartime currency intervention: the sovereign market in Athens during the Nazi Occupation
Olga Christodoulaki
Independent Scholar

Considering the Consequences of Consolidations
Luigi Dante Gaviano
Geneva Graduate Institute/ University of Cambridge

Spoils of war: The military contractors of the Habsburg Empire in World War I
Tamas Vonyo
Bocconi University

8 Financial Histories of the Low Countries
D4.0.144

A century of convertible bonds: sweetened debt or backdoor equity?
Thalassa de Waal
University of Groningen
together with
Abe de Jong
Groningen/Monash
Florian Madertoner
Erasmus University Rotterdam

Explaining the Financial Turn. The Emergence of an Inclusive Financial System in the Netherlands
Oscar Gelderblom
University of Antwerp
together with
Corinne Boter
Utrecht University

Publicly listed securities at the Amsterdam Stock Exchange, 1796-1980
A. de Jong & A. De Vicq
Groningen/Monash
together with
H. de Jong, Th. de Waal, J. Lilljegren, D. Smit-Maarschalkerweerd
University of Groningen
O. Gelderblom, J. Poukens
University of Antwerp
Joost Jonker
University of Amsterdam

Access to credit in a fast growing city: Notarial credit in Antwerp ca 1835
R. Peeters & R. van Kooten
University of Antwerp

The Antwerp Stock Exchange official list, 1814-1997
Johan Poukens
University of Antwerp

Saturday 09:00-10:30 Sessions 4

1 Divergence and Decline in Southern Europe
D4.0.019

The decline of Venice: myth or reality? New evidence from real wages, 1380-1797
Leonardo Ridolfi
University of Siena
together with
Tancredi Buscemi
University of Siena

Italy in the Great Divergence: What Can We Learn from Engel's Law?
David Chilosi
King's College London
together with
Carlo Ciccarelli
University of Roma Tor Vergata

Subjective Well-being during Spain's Decline
Leandro Prados de la Escosura
Universidad Carlos III Madrid
together with
Carlos Álvarez-Nogal
Universidad Carlos III Madrid

2 Gender norms and equality
D4.0.122

Gender equality during the great health transition of the 20th century: was it just a by-product of economic growth?
Sophia Jung
University of Tuebingen
together with
Joerg Baten
University of Tuebingen

A Case Study of Women's Social Mobility and Income Inequality from the late 19th till mid-20th century
Yasmina Wardere
University of Hohenheim
together with
Sibylle Lehmann-Hasemeyer
University of Hohenheim

The Intergenerational Effects of Women's Economic Rights
Elisabeth Wurm
Vienna University of Economics and Business

3 Innovation and markets
D4.0.039

The Fall of Constantinople and the Rise of the West
Andreas Link
University of Erlangen-Nuremberg

An Empire Lost: Spanish Industry and The Effect of Colonial Markets on Peripheral Innovation
Dario A Romero
New York University Abu Dhabi

Innovation and International Economic Integration in the Chilean Economy in the 1877-1910. The narrative informed by the Chilean Patent Regime
Bernardita Escobar Andrae
Universidad de Valparaíso

4 International banking & trade
D4.0.047

Foreign banks and the London money market during the first globalization
Marco Molteni
University of Oxford
together with
Wilfried Kisling
Vienna University of Economics and Business

Jumping over hurdles: international banking in the Age of Imperialism
Stefano Battilossi
Universidad Carlos III Madrid

Sterling Bills of Exchange and International Trade
Youssef Ghallada
Université Libre De Bruxelles/ UCLouvain/Saint-Louis –Bruxelles

Saturday 09:00-10:30 Sessions 4

5 Revolutions
D4.0.127

The American Origin of the French Revolution
Sebastian Ottinger
CERGE-EI Prague
together with
Lukas Rosenberger
Northwestern University

Continuity or Abrupt Change: The Winners and Losers of The Revolution of 1848
Tomas Cvrcek
University College London

The impact of violence during the Mexican Revolution on Migration to the United States
David Escamilla-Guerrero
University of St Andrews
together with
Edward Kosack
Xavier University
Zach Ward
Baylor University

6 First Globalization
D4.0.133

Tariff protection in Argentina between 1879 and 1951
Juan Pablo Juliá
Gothenburg University
together with
Cecilia Lara
Universidad de la República, Uruguay

Italy's lost decades: trade, capital flows and economic policy after Unification
Andrea Incerpi
University of Pisa
together with
Giovanni Federico
New York University Abu Dhabi

Trade exposure and social conflict in Italy during the First Globalization (1881-1911)
Anna Missiaia
University of Gothenburg
together with
Tancredi Buscemi
University of Siena
Dario Pellegrino
Bank of Italy

7 Industrialization
D4.0.136

Industrialization & Conflict
Theocharis Grigoriadis
Free University Berlin

Industrialization and the Return to Labor: Evidence from Prussia
Ann-Kristin Becker
University of Cologne
together with
Erik Hornung
University of Cologne

Fast car to boom and bust: Transportation technology and its causal effects on rural economic development
Christian Ochsner
CERGE-EI Prague
together with
Flavio Malnati
CERGE-EI Prague

8 Firms in Russia
D4.0.144

Firm Formation in the Tsarist Russian Empire: The Effect of the Polish Revolt
Mariya Sakharova
Aix-Marseille University

Shareholder Democracy under Autocracy: Voting Rights and Corporate Performance in Imperial Russia
Steven Nafziger
Williams College
together with
Amy Dayton
Independent Scholar
Amanda Gregg
Middlebury College

Saturday 10:45-12:15 Sessions 5

1 Working time and occupations
D4.0.019

Working time in the pre-industrial period: evidence from a new European dataset (14th-16th century)
Leonardo Ridolfi
University of Siena

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Alan de Bromhead
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Alan Fernihough
Queen's University Belfast
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Chris Colvin
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Flavio Malnati
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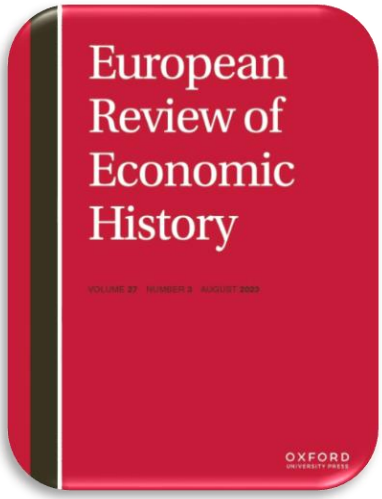

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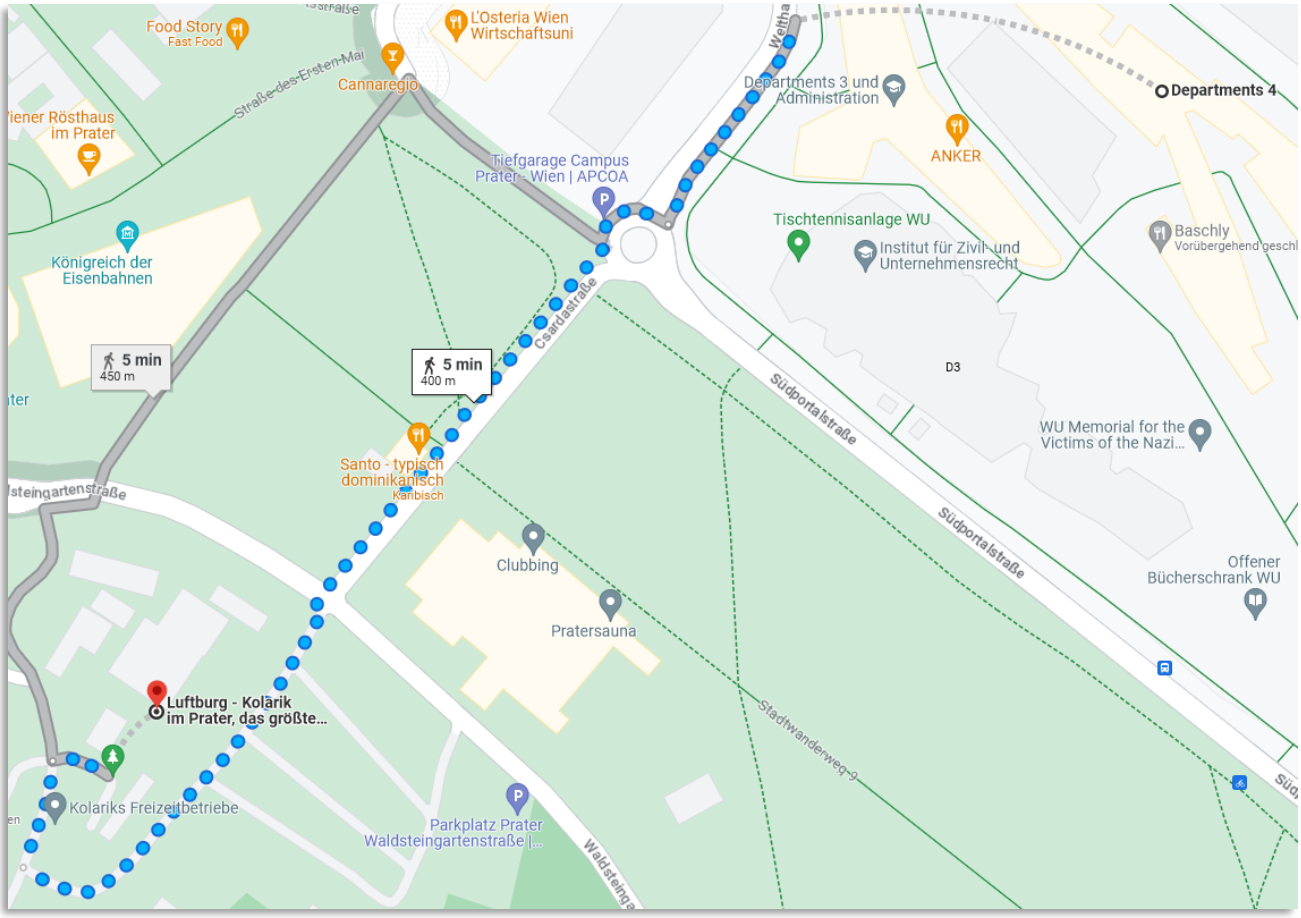

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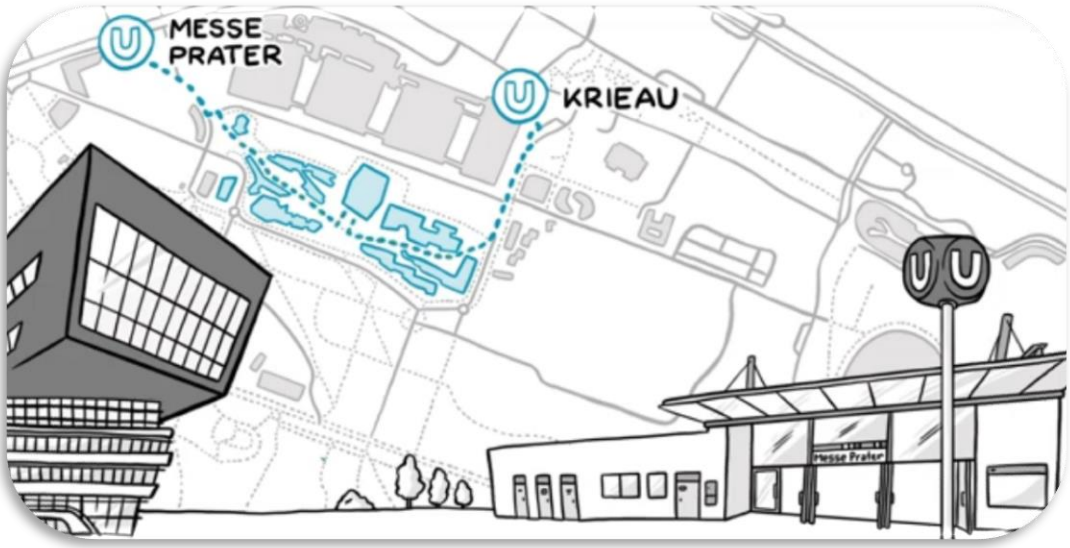

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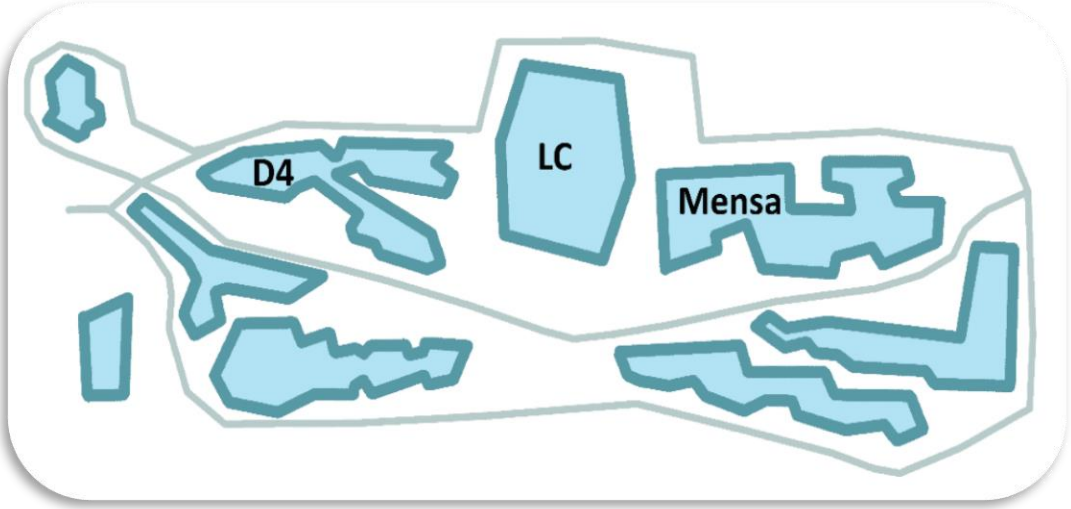

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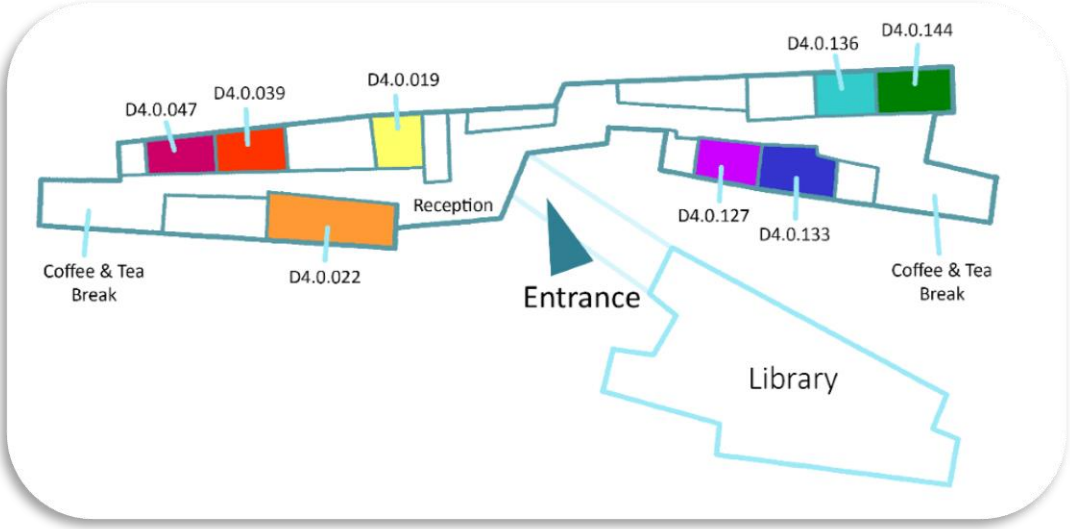

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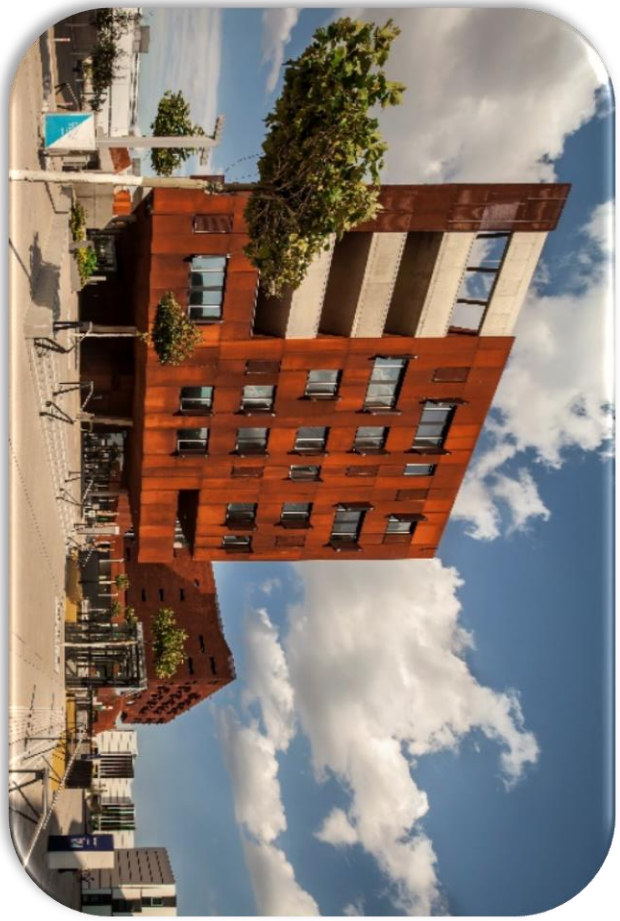

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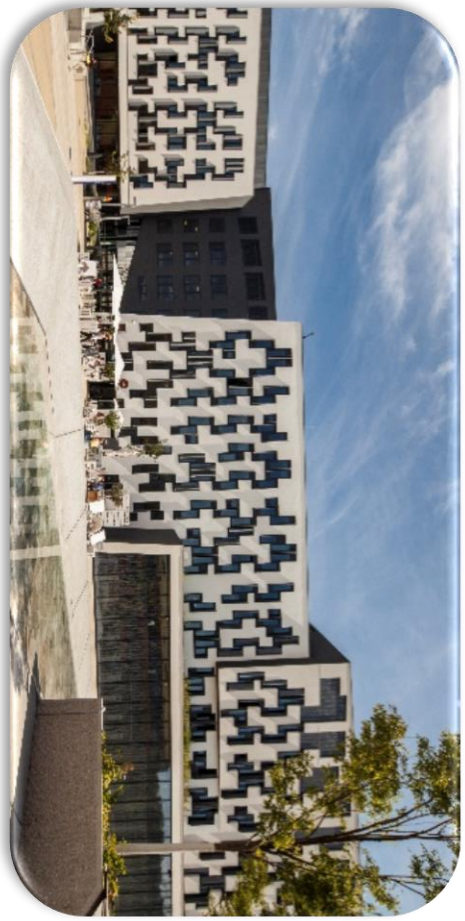
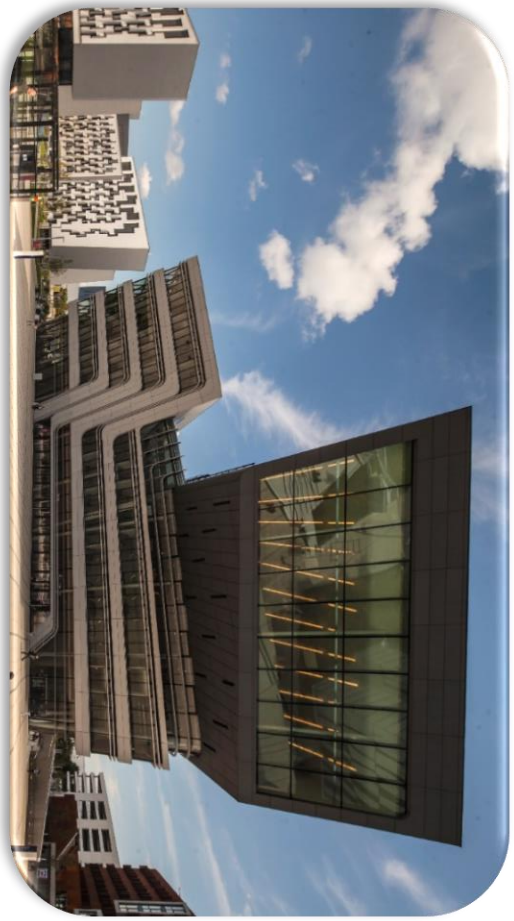
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