

**African Economic Development:
Past, Present, and Future**
CGIS South, 1730 Cambridge Street, Cambridge, MA

Friday April 17th: Tsai Auditorium

9:00-10:30. States, Legitimacy, and Conflict.
Chair: Emmanuel Akyeampong (Harvard)

Raul Sanchez de la Sierra (Harvard)
On the Origin of States: Stationary Bandits and Taxation in Eastern Congo

Arthur Blouin (University of Toronto)
Culture and Contracts: The Historical Legacy of Forced Labour

Rob Blair (Yale University)
Trust in Untrustworthy States

10:30-11:00. Coffee break.

11:00-12:30. States and Economic Development.
Chair: Robert Bates.

Nathan Nunn and James Robinson (Harvard)
The Evolution of Culture and Institutions: Evidence from the Kuba Kingdom

Marcel Fafchamps (Stanford University)
Networks and Manufacturing Firms in Africa: Results from a Randomised Field Experiment

Johan Fourie (Stellenbosch University)
The Efficiency and Equity of Infrastructure in Africa: Past, Present and Future

12:30-2:00pm. Lunch.

2:00-3:30. Banks, Credit, and Capital.
Chair: Kola Karim (Founder, Shoreline Co)

Chibuike Uche (African Studies Center Leiden)
The Rise of Nigerian Multinational Banks

Ayodeji Olukoju (University of Lagos)
Guaranty Trust Bank, 1990-2002: Formation and Rise of a Nigerian Multinational Banking Enterprise

Leonce Ndikumana (UMASS Amherst)
Capital Flight from Africa: The Problem and How to Deal with It

3:30-4:00. Coffee break.

4:00-6:00. Keynote Lecture. Tsai Auditorium.
Chair: Henry Louis Gates (Harvard)

Jared Diamond (UCLA)
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Saturday April 18th: CGIS S050

9:00-10:30. Financing Colonial States.
Chair: John Thornton (Boston University)

Marlous van Waijenberg (Northwestern University)
Financing the African Colonial State: The Revenue Imperative and Forced Labor

Elise Huillery (Sciences Po)
The Origins of States: Comparative Analysis of Taxation and Public Investments in African French Colonies, 1830-1960

Jutta Bolt (University of Groningen)
Pre-Colonial Institutions and Local Government Finance in British Colonial Africa

10:30-11:00. Coffee break.

11:00-12:30. Understanding Africa's Recent Growth and its Future Prospects.
Chair Hubert Danso (CEO, Africa Investor Group)

Stefan Dercon (DFID, Oxford)
Roaring Lion or Laughing Hyena: Is there an Ethiopian model of development emerging?

Hippolyte Fofack (African Export Import Bank)
Analyzing the New Africa Growth Story: Africa Rising?

Linda Heywood (Boston University)
Angola and Cuba: Strategic Alliance and Soft Power Objectives

12:30-2:00. Lunch.

2:00-3:30. Panel Discussion.
Chair: Savannah Maziya (CEO, Bunengi Group)

Moderator: Jared Diamond (UCLA).
Panelists: James Robinson (Harvard University), Stefan Dercon (DFID, Oxford), Robert Bates (Harvard University), Joseph Inikori (University of Rochester), Michael McGovern (University of Michigan)

3:30-4:00. Coffee Break.

4:00-5:30. Economic Development in West Africa.
Chair: Nathan Nunn.

Akyeampong and Xu Liang (Harvard University)
Small-Scale Mining, Chinese Technology and the Transformation of the Rural Economy in Ghana

Michael McGovern (University of Michigan)
The Effects of Land Expropriation in Guinea and Liberia

Joseph Inikori (University of Rochester)
The Rise of Enclave Economies and the Retardation of Market Development in Precolonial West Africa

5:30-5:45. Concluding comments from conference organizers.