**The Funding of Preindustrial Business**

Utrecht University, 19-20 May 2017

Location: Academy Building, Kanunnikenzaal

**FRIDAY, 19 MAY**

**12.00 LUNCH**

**13.00** Oscar Gelderblom (Utrecht University) and Francesca Trivellato (Yale University)

*Introduction: The Business History of the Pre-Industrial World*

**13.30** Susana Martinez-Rodrigues (University of Murcia) (with Timothy Guinnane, Yale University)

*Instructions Not Included: Spain’s Sociedad de Responsabilidad Limitada, 1919-1936*

Discussant: Joost Jonker

**14.30** Siyuan Zhao (Shanghai Jiao Tong University)

*Credit between Corporation and Household in 19th and early 20th century China*.

Discussant: Heidi Deneweth

**15.30 COFFEE/TEA**

**15.45** Claire Lemercier (Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, Paris)

*Courts and the Funding of Business in Nineteenth-Century France*

Discussant: Phil Hoffman

**16.45** Dave De Ruysscher (VUB Brussels/Tilburg Law School)

*Chartered Companies in Sweden, the Dutch Republic and North-West Europe (c.1600-c.1630): Experimenting in Corporate Governance*

Discussant: Craig Muldrew

**Drinks (or, if you wish, some time off), followed by the conference dinner at Ubica.**

**SATURDAY 20 MAY**

**09:00** Meng Zhang (UCLA)

*Financing the Market-Oriented Tree-planting Industry in Southwest China: Securitization of Timberlands and Shareholding Practices, 1700-1900*

Discussant: Joost Jonker

**10:00** Judy Z. Stephenson (University of Oxford)

*The Economic Institutions of Construction: How the contract for works financed and organised infrastructure investment in early modern London*

Discussant: Heidi Deneweth

**11:00** Pierre Gervais (Université Sorbonne Nouvelle–Paris 3)

*In Union there was Strength: Eighteenth-century Merchant Profit-making, the Law, and the Role of Partnerships*

Discussant: Phil Hoffman

**12.00 LUNCH**

**13.15** Thomas Safley (University of Pennsylvania)

*Family Firms, Family Finance: Funding Business in the Age of South German Capitalism*

Discussant: Oscar Gelderblom

**14.15** Mauro Carboni (University of Bologna)

*Financing business ventures in early modern Bologna*

Discussant: Francesca Trivellato

**15.15 TEA/COFFEE**

**15.30** Hannah Barker (University of Manchester)

*Setting up in trade in north-west English towns, 1760-1820*

Discussant: Craig Muldrew

**16.30** *General Discussion*

**17.15** *Conference ends.*

**On Saturday Night we host an informal dinner at Selamat Makan for our foreign guests**

**Practical information**

The workshop location is the Kanunnikenzaal of the Academy Building. On Friday we will have dinner at Ubica (7-minute walk). If you have any questions during the workshop, please contact [Mayte Beekman](mailto:m.beekman@uu.nl) (+31 6 220 898 66).

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