

**The History Project 2017 Annual Conference**  
***The New Economic History of India***  
**University of Cambridge**

**Thursday, May 11**

**1:00-2:00**            **Welcome Lunch**

**2:00-2:15**            **Introduction:** Sunil Amrith and Emma Rothschild, Harvard University

**2:15-3:45**            **Session 1 – Transregional Movements**

Tiraana Bains, Yale University

*From St Helena to Bencoolen: The British East India Company's Practices of Slavery and Slave Trading in the Eighteenth Century*

Louise Moschetta, University of Cambridge

*The Materiality of Wages among Indian Migrants in British Guiana, 1870-1917*

Chao Ren, Tufts University

*The Imperial Geography of Commerce: British India and the "Northeast Corridor" in Global Context, 1850-1900*

**3:45-4:00**            **Break**

**4:00-4:15**            **Mini-keynote address**

**4:15-5:15**            **Session 2 – Risk and Social Crisis**

Meghna Chaudhuri, New York University

*The Value of Life: Providential Events in Agrarian South Asia*

Madhavi Jha, Jawaharlal Nehru University

*"Relief" and "Work": Women as Economic Subjects in Famine Relief in Colonial North India*

**Friday, May 12**

**9:30-9:45**                    **Mini-keynote address**

**9:45-10:45**                    **Session 3 – Economic Life in Colonial India**

Arun Kumar, University of Göttingen  
*Artisans, Apprenticeship, and Cultures of Craft Guilds in Colonial North India, 1850-1950*

Sukhalata Sen, Jawaharlal Nehru University  
*Money Matters: Counterfeiting of Indian Money under the British Raj*

**10:45-11:00**                    **Break**

**11:00-11:15**                    **Mini-keynote address**

**11:15-12:45**                    **Session 4 – Planning and Policy After Independence**

Aditya Balasubramanian, University of Cambridge  
*Anticorruption, Bureaucracy, and Wartime Law: The Case of the Special Police Establishment*

Shivangi Jaiswal, Jawaharlal Nehru University  
*Labour Ministers, Caste and the Prism of Law, 1942-52*

Nikhil Menon, Princeton University  
*Numbers for a Nation: Statistics and India's Five-Year Plans*

**1:00-2:00**                    **Lunch**

**2:00-2:45**                    **Concluding Discussion &  
Website Launch: *The Archives of Economic Life in India***