

# CENTRE FOR HISTORY AND ECONOMICS

## Defining the Economy in Political Crisis: Revolution, Rupture and the Law

Centre for History and Economics

Program on the Exchanges of Legal and Political Ideas

Friday 4 October 2013, 10:00 am - 6.30 pm

61 Kirkland Street, Cambridge, MA 02138

### Agenda

**10:00- 10:15: Opening Remarks**

**10:15- 12:15: Enmity and Expropriation of Property**

Chair: **Fei-Hsien Wang** (University of Cambridge)

**Howard Pashmann** (Indiana University Maurer School of Law)

Enemies of the State: Property Redistribution in Revolutionary New York

**Franziska Exeler** (European University Institute, Florence)

Property Restitution in a Socialist Economy: Reckoning with War and Occupation in Post-1944 Belorussia

**Rohit De** (University of Cambridge)

Taming the Custodian: Evacuee Property Regimes in India and Pakistan

**Sreemati Mitter** (Harvard University)

Even the Tables and Chairs: The end of (Palestine) Mandate Financial Negotiations, 1949-1952

**12:15 - 1:30: Lunch**

**1:30 - 3:00: Measuring Value during Revolutions**

Chair: **Emma Rothschild** (Harvard University/University of Cambridge)

**William Deringer** (Columbia University)

Calculation in Balance: Trade Statistics, Party Politics and Economic Epistemology in 1713

**Anne O'Donnell** (Harvard University)

An Anthropology of Revolutionary Money: Soviet Russia, 1917-1923

**Arunabh Ghosh** (Columbia University)

Crisis in Counting: Statistical Struggles in the Early People's Republic of China

**3:00-3:15: Coffee Break**

**3:15-5:15- Legitimacy, Capitalism and Political Change**

Chair: **TBA**

**Penelope Ismay** (Boston College)

Re-embedding the History of the Economy in Britain: Social Trust and the New Poor Law

**Omar Cheta** (Bard College)

Reconstructing Egypt's Pre-colonial Economic Order

**Benjamin Siegel** (Harvard University)

The Dictator Officials are Losing their Business: Indian Merchants and National Needs  
(1955-1965)

**Jason Jackson** (Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania)

Speculative Bazaar Traders, Cowboy Multinations or Captains of Industry? Contesting  
Cultural Categories of Capitalist Legitimacy in India

**5:15- 5:30 Coffee Break**

**5:30 - 6:30 Roundtable**

**Moderators: Emma Rothschild, Anne O'Donnell, Rohit De**