

Baltic Connections Conference 2021

Virtual Conference, Zoom software

20-21 April 2021

Economic and Social History, University of Helsinki

Schedule (UTC +3:00, Eastern European Summer time)

Tuesday 20.4.2021

9:00-10:30 Session 1

10:30-10:45 Break

10:45-12:15 Session 2

12:15-13:15 Lunch

13:15-15:15 Session 3

15:15-15:30 Break

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17:00-17:15 Break

17:15-18:30 Keynote

Wednesday 21.4.2021

9:00-10:00 Keynote

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10:15-11:45 Session 5

11:45-12:45 Lunch

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Program

Tuesday, April 20

9:00-10:30 – Session 1

Panel 1A: Religion and Society

Chair: Laura Ekholm, University of Helsinki

"Fremde geste": The position of the hanse to foreign merchants by example of a count Philipp von Kleve

Artem Ushakov, Yaroslav the Wise Novgorod State University

Not a wall but a bridge to take the Spirit of Reconciliation to the East - The two Baltic Peace Conferences of the International Fellowship of Reconciliation in 1928 & 1938

Rony Ojajärvi, University of Eastern Finland

The Role of Muslim Scholars in the Rise and Growth of Sociology: Reflections on Roots and Rifts

Mahmoud Farhadimahalli, Allameh Amini University

Moghammad Mojaver Sheikhan, University of Tehran

Zohre Javadieh, University of Tehran

Panel 1B: Credit, Globalization and Diplomacy

Chair: Jari Eloranta, University of Helsinki

Access to finance for small and medium enterprises: evidence from Eastern Partnership and Baltic countries

Alina Ianioglo, National Institute for Economic Research; Moldova State University

The potential for sovereign wealth funds to exert influence through critical banks in the five smallest EU member states

Jan Körnert, University of Greifswald

Thomas Junghanns, University of Greifswald

Panel 1C: Estonian Domestic and Foreign Relations

Chair: Heikki Roiko-Jokela, University of Jyväskylä

The Pskov-Narva railway: a line divided by the Soviet-Estonian border

Nikolay Bogomazov, St. Petersburg State University

*Confiscation of Goods by the Order's Authorities of Narva on the Livonian-Russian Border in the 15th Century:
The Analysis of the Legal and Executive Practice*

Valentina Yakunina, Yaroslav the Wise Novgorod State University

Panel 1D: Unofficial Trade and Business Practices in the Baltic Sea Region in the Twentieth Century

Chair: Aaro Sahari, University of Helsinki

Transnationalization and Professionalization of Alcohol Contraband in the Interwar Baltic Sea Region

Adrian Mitter, University of Toronto

Illegal, Anti-Socialist and Petty Bourgeois: How Maritime Smuggling in the Baltic Undermined the Soviet Economy

Tomasz Blusiewicz, University of Tyumen

Towards a New Regional Market: The Nordic States in Soviet Estonian Reform Debates during Perestroika

Lars Fredrik Stöcker, Universität Wien

10:45-12:15 – Session 2

Panel 2A: Roundtable - #PopSexHistory: Historians and comics artists working on sensitive and political topics

Chair: Hanna Kuusi, University of Helsinki

Panelists:

Sophy Bergenheim, University of Helsinki

Matleena Frisk, University of Helsinki

Johanna Rojola, Comics Artist

Aino Sutinen, Comics Artist

Riikka Taavetti, University of Helsinki

Panel 2B: Scandinavia Trade and Diplomacy in the Global Economy

Chair: Leos Müller, Stockholm University

Merchant expertise at the state's service in the 18th century Sweden

Esa Ruotsalainen, University of Helsinki

Hidden Trade Routes? US-Scandinavian Ties 1750-1850

Henric Häggqvist, Uppsala University

Jeremy Land, University of Helsinki

A New Diplomacy to a New Europe. Portuguese Republic and Baltic States (1919-1926)

Teresa Nunes, University of Lisbon

Panel 2C: Migration and Demographic Change

Chair: Andrei Markevich, New Economic School in Moscow

On Socio-Natural Synergy of Russian Population Demographic and Anthropometric Data Change Through the Great Wars, Revolutions, and Social Conflict from the Late 19th to the Early 20th Centuries

Vladimir Dyachkov, Tambov State University

Transforming Strangers into Savages: Western impact on Russia's attitude towards Siberian natives in the first half of 18th century

Yury Akimov, St. Petersburg State University & National Research University Higher School of Economics (Moscow)

Captivity during the Great Northern war 1700-1721: life stories based on documents from Kyiv archives

Hanna Filipova, National Kyiv-Pechersk Historical Cultural Preserve

Panel 2D: Hygiene in Industrial Societies

Technology and Industry Session Track

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Chair: Tiina Äikäs, University of Oulu

Towards Hygienic Industrial Environments with Soup, Spittoons, and Clean Air

Ritva Kylli, University of Oulu

Tiina Äikäs, University of Oulu

Tiina Kuokkanen, University of Oulu

Sewers, people, environment and ideals: Development of sewerage network in Helsinki from the late 19th to the 21st century

Simo Laakkonen, University of Turku

Sauna – A Place for a Clean Body and Soul

Marjo Juola, University of Oulu

12:15-13:15 – Lunch

13:15-15:15 Session 3

Panel 3A: Lithuania through the Centuries

Chair: Rita Martins de Sousa, University of Lisbon

The Perception and Transformation of Idea of Sovereignty in the XX century Lithuanian political discourse

Aisté Deimantaitė, Vytautas Magnus University

Business companies and the development of Polish-Lithuanian trade in the sixteenth century

Werner Scheltjens, University of Leipzig

Lithuanian Tatars between Tradition and Modernization

Giuliana D'Oro, University of Rome "La Sapienza"

External Service of Radio in Soviet Lithuania: Who Was the Audience?

Rūta Kupetytė, Vilnius University

Panel 3B: Soviet World

Chair: Kimmo Rentola, University of Helsinki

Storming in Agent Recruitment: Evidence from Declassified KGB Files

Vahe Lskavyan, Ohio University

Shaping Sovietness: The Peculiarities of Male Clothing Design in the early Cold War

Evgeniia Platonova, HSE

Soviet Russia/ USSR and the problem of Lithuanian state borders' formation

Maria Pavlova, Primakov Institute of World Economy and International Relations (IMEMO)

How East and West lost their chance for a peaceful life: USA–USSR failed credit talks, 1944–1947

Kristina V. Minkova, St. Petersburg State University

Panel 3C: Imperial Business and Finance

Chair: Timo Särkkä, University of Jyväskylä

How did the Gold-Exchange Standard contribute to the Expansion of the Intra-Asian trade before the First World War? the integration between silver-using currency system and pound-sterling as the key currency in Asia

Takeshi Nishimura, Kansai University

The Economics of the Manila Galleon

Javier Meija, New York University, Abu Dhabi

Mandatory Partnerships: Luso-Indian business companies in the Portuguese State of India, 1580-1621

Ana Sofia Ribeiro, Universidade de Evora

The "Chinese helpers": the role of cross-cultural brokers for the circulation of knowledge between China and Europe, ca 1750-1850

Måns Ahlstedt Åberg, University of Hong Kong

Panel 3D: Inventors, Patents, and Innovation I

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Chair: Saara Matala, Chalmers University of Technology

Discussant: Alessandro Nuvolari, Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies

The sources of invention in a small open economy of the global south during the first globalization. Chile 1877-1910

Bernardita Escobar, University of Talca

Patent classifications for aeronautics and aviation, 1880-1918

Peter B. Meyer, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Patent families and the value of historical patents, 1884-1914

Matti La Mela, Uppsala University

David Andersson, Uppsala University

Fredrik Tell, Uppsala University

Patent propensity and significant innovations in Sweden 1970-2015

Josef Taalbi, Lund University

15:30-17:00 Session 4

Panel 4A: Africa in the Global Economy

Chair: Lars Christian Bruno, Norwegian Business School

Trade and Sovereignty in the Nineteenth Century: From Closed to Open Door in Liberia?

Leigh Gardner, London School of Economics and Stellenbosch University

City Finance and Imperialism: The Central African Bonanza, c.1890 to c.1960

Timo Särkkä, University of Jyväskylä

Panel 4B: Baltic Trade Relationships

Chair: Maria Pavlova, Primakov Institute of World Economy and International Relations (IMEMO)

Latvian-Norwegian Economic Relations, 1918-1940

Viesturs Pauls Karnups, University of Latvia

Trade in the Baltic Region at the Beginning of the 17th Century - The Example of the Swedish-Novgorod Alliance

Elizaveta Popova, Novgorod State University

The balance of Baltic trade - Historical empirical estimates based on STRO

Dimitrios Theodoridis, University of Gothenburg

Panel 4C: Economy and Society in the Late Russian Empire

Chair: Elina Kuorelahti, University of Helsinki

Did Railroad Access Advantage Connected Towns in late Imperial Russia? The Urban Economy and Society in the Age of Railroad Building

Carol Leonard, University of Oxford

Zafar Nazarov, Purdue University

Roman Konchakov, The Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration

Maria Karpenko, The Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration

Loyal or disloyal? The image of the Grand Duchy of Finland in the Russian Empire (1860-1870)

Marina Zagora, Lomonosov Moscow State University

Constrained to free time: Perception of women's economic agency in Russian business newspapers (1860's-1880's)

Valeria Peshko, University of Helsinki

Panel 4D: Inventors, Patents, and Innovation II

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Chair: Matti La Mela, Uppsala University

Discussant: Joel Mokyr, Northwestern University

Inventors, Innovation, and the 'Impoverished Sophisticate'

David Andersson, Uppsala University

Thor Berger, Research Institute of Industrial Economics, CEPR, and Lund University

Erik Prawitz, Research Institute of Industrial Economics

The Social Origins of Inventors

Otto Toivanen, Aalto University

Philippe Aghion, College de France and London School of Economics

Ufuk Akcigit, University of Chicago

Ari Hyytinen, University of Jyväskylä

The Inclusiveness of Patent Systems

Alexander Donges, University of Mannheim

Felix Selgert, University of Bonn

17:15-18:30 Keynote

Attitudes, Aptitudes, and the Origins of the Great Enrichment

Joel Mokyr, Northwestern University

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9:00-10:00 Keynote

Neoliberalism in the Nordics - a research program

Jenny Andersson, Uppsala University

10:15-11:45 Session 5

Panel 5A: Finnish Domestic Development

Chair: Hanna Kuusi, University of Helsinki

It's the nurses, stupid! The effectiveness of early health professionals in rural Finland, 1880-1938

Sakari Saaritsa, University of Helsinki

Eero Simanainen, University of Helsinki

Markus Ristola, University of Helsinki

How to industrialize "the other half?"-Finnish Industrial policy promoting small-scale industries in the 1950s and 1960s

Laura Ekholm, University of Helsinki

Susanna Fellman, University of Gothenburg

The Anthropometrics of War, Famine and Development: Helsinki schoolchildren, 1910-1932

Sakari Saaritsa, University of Helsinki

Joël Floris, University of Zürich

Tuuli Hurme, University of Helsinki

Panel 5B: Cold War Ideological and Military Impact on Local Communities

Chair: Niklas Jensen-Eriksen, University of Helsinki

People of the Terceira Island and their community under the shadow of the U.S. military base at Lajes

Pavel Szobi, Charles University

Caught Between Rival Forces: Cold War Influences on Indigenous Peoples and Their Struggle for Rights

Lucie Kýrová, Charles University

The Frontier in the Air-Atomic Age: How Communities in Washington Prepared for a Third World War

Jiří Pondělníček, Charles University

All-Union Join-Stock Company "Intourist" ideology and propaganda work on the foreign tourists in the Baltic countries from 1960's until 1990's

Marta Starostina, University of Birmingham

Panel 5C: Natural Resources and Climate Change

Chair: Jaana Laine, University of Helsinki

Historical climate variation and migration

Elena Nikolova, Global Labor Organization and IOS-Regensburg

Miriam Manchin, University College London

Sultan Orazbayev, Harvard University

The British Paper Industry and the Empire: The Quest for Imperial Raw Materials, 1861 to 1960

Timo Särkkä, University of Jyväskylä

Natural resources and economic growth: Comparing 19th century Scandinavia and 20th century Southeast-Asia

Lars Christian Bruno, Norwegian Business School

Panel 5D: Transnational Technical and Scientific Knowledge

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Chair: Petri Saarikoski, University of Turku

Making lichen alcohol across the Baltic Sea in the 1860s: tracking flows of information

Petri Paju, University of Turku

Medicine in the Baltic Sea region: Networks, Transfers, Consequences

Nils Hansson, Heinrich-Heine University

Between Science and Technology: A Nordic history of speech synthesis in the 1950s-1980s

Tiina Männistö-Funk, University of Turku & ETH Zürich

Political Visions and Pragmatic Cooperation. Nordic Transnational Road Building during the Post-war Period

Martin Eriksson, Umeå University

11:45-12:45 Lunch

12:45-14:15 Session 6

Panel 6A: Interwar State and Economic Development

Chair: Alejandro Gomez del Moral, University of Helsinki

Conceptualising Economic Growth and Development during the Interwar Period - The Case of Finland

Heikki Mikkonen, Tampere University

From Warfare to Welfare States? Social and Military Spending in the Baltic States 1918-1940

Vaidas Morkevicius, Vilnius University

Zenonas Norkus, Vilnius University

Jurgita Markeviciute, Vilnius University

International Trade of a Young Republic in the Shadow of the War and the Great Depression

Ismail Altay, Recep Tayyip Erdogan University

Özgül Bilici, Recep Tayyip Erdogan University

Panel 6B: New Methodologies in Economic and Social History

Chair: Sultan Orazbayev, Harvard University

Industrial Growth and Beyond? The Employment Multiplier during the Industrial Revolution

Vinzent Ostermeyer, Lund University

VOcation: Tracing Maritime Careers in the Dutch East India Company, c. 1680-1800

Jelle van Lottum, Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences

Melvin Wevers, University of Amsterdam

Lodewijk Petram, Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences

Marijn Koolen, Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences

University History: new research approaches (Digital history of Saint-Petersburg Polytechnic university)

Svetlana Ulyanova, Peter the Great St. Petersburg Polytechnic University

Ivan Aladyshkin, Peter the Great St. Petersburg Polytechnic University

Panel 6C: Finland in the 20th Century

Chair: Rodrigo Dominguez, University of Minho

Interaction between Finnish Paper Industry and Globalization since 1945

Henri Aaltonen, University of Helsinki

Jari Eloranta, University of Helsinki

Free press, regulated competition: Cartels and collaboration in the 20th century Finnish newspaper business

Niklas Jensen-Eriksen, University of Helsinki

Elina Kuorelahti, University of Helsinki

National Security and Security of Supply. Oil Trade in Finland, 1975-1992

Saara Matala, Norwegian University for Science and Technology

Panel 6D: Collaboration and Technology between East and West

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Chair: Jari Ojala, University of Jyväskylä

Finnish Influence and the New Trends in the Production of paper in the Karelian Peninsula in 1950s-1970s

Pavel Pokidko, Laboratory of Technical and Environmental History of the HSE SPb

Revisiting Finnish Trade Narratives on Construction Projects to USSR

Aaro Sahari, University of Helsinki

Waste and Recycling in Cold War Eastern Europe

Viktor Pál, University of Helsinki

The Birth of the Cornish Steam Engine and the Trajectory of Duty Performance, 1800-70

Haris Kitsikopoulos, Academic Director, Unbound Prometheus Program of Advanced Seminars/Clinical Professor, NYU (Retired)

Panel 6E: Livelihood Crises in Context I

Chair: Antti Häkkinen, University of Helsinki

At the Mercy of the Administration and the Market Forces: Comparison of Famines in Finland and India in the Late Nineteenth Century

Timo Myllyntaus, Turku School of Economics

The 'Real' Land of Opportunity? Intergenerational Persistence of Class in Finland from the 18th to the 21st century

Petri Roikonen (University of Helsinki)

14:30-16:00 Session 7

Panel 7A: War, Trade, and Logistics

Chair: Henric Häggqvist, Uppsala University

Russian foreign trade: wartime-challenges, 1914-1917

Irina V. Potkina, Institute of Russian History RAS, Moscow

Sea Road Toward Success: The Baltic Sea in Stalin's Military Plans 1923-1953

Alexander Gogun, Free University of Berlin

Panel 7B: Long-Term Economic and Political Development in Scandinavia

Chair: Sakari Saaritsa

State ownership in Finland and Norway: A Nordic comparison

Pasi Nevalainen, University of Jyväskylä

Sverre Christensen, Norwegian Business School BI

What a deep roots model of long-term economic development has to say about the Baltics

Dan Seligson, Independent Scholar

Anne McCants, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Labor market testing as a party-political issue in Finland and Sweden

Emilia Lakka, University of Jyväskylä

Panel 7C: Literature and Memory

Chair: Jeremy Land, University of Helsinki

'Slow Hope' and Nuclear Energy: Literary Dimensions

Inna Sukhenko, University of Helsinki

Warring Memories -- The Political Behavior Legacies of World War II in Germany

Anil Ramachandran Menon, University of Michigan

Mechanisms of Growth, Crises and Economic Development in Relation to Human Development in Economic Literature of the German Empire

Olli Turunen, University of Helsinki

Panel 7D: Livelihood Crises in Context II

Chair: Timo Myllyntaus, Turku School of Economics

The Great Famine Years in Finland": Famine Knowledge and Action on Disaster Relief

Antti Häkkinen, University of Helsinki

Famine Mortality as a Democracy Measure

Jan Kunnas, University of Jyväskylä

The Tar-industry in Local Communities in 19th Century Finland: Poverty Trap or a Source of Wealth?

Henrik Forsberg, Åbo Akademi

16:15-17:30 Keynote

Unnecessary and harmful? Feminism and sex role movement as dangerous ideologies in Finnish public debate in the 1960s and 1970s

Arja Turunen, University of Jyväskylä