

World Economic Performance: Past, Present and Future

Workshop at the Occasion of Angus Maddison's 80th Birthday

1st seminar: Europe, the Americas and Africa

Friday 27 October 2006

University of Groningen

*Room (CHANGED !!): Grote Vergaderzaal, Oude Boteringestraat 44
(right opposite to Hotel de Ville)*

09.00 - 09.10: TOM WANSBEEK, University of Groningen,
Dean of Faculty of Economics,
Opening Remarks

Chair: BART VAN ARK, University of Groningen

09.10 – 10.00: ALAN BOWMAN, Brasenose College Oxford, University of Oxford
The economic performance of the Roman Empire

Discussant: WIM JONGMAN, University of Groningen

10.00 – 10.30: Coffee

10.30 – 11.20: LEANDRO PRADOS DE LA ESCOSURA, Universidad Carlos III de
Madrid
*Latin America from independence to 2030: growing up, falling behind,
but catching up?*

Discussant: MARCEL TIMMER, University of Groningen

11.20 – 12.10 JAN PIETER SMITS, University of Groningen
*Economic Growth and Structural Change in Sub Saharan Africa during
the Twentieth Century: New Empirical Evidence and outlook to 2030*

Discussant: JAN WILLEM GUNNING, Free University Amsterdam

12.15 – 13.15 Lunch (Academiegebouw, Engelse Zaal)

Chair: WILFRED BECKERMAN, University of Oxford

13.20 – 14.10 STANISLAV MENSHIKOV, formerly of IMEMO, United Nations and Erasmus University Rotterdam
Analysis of Russian performance since 1990 and future outlook

Discussant: PETER OPPENHEIMER, Christ Church, University of Oxford

14.10 – 15.00 ADAM SZIRMAI, Technical University Eindhoven
Explaining Success and Failure in Development: The Developing World during the Postwar Period and Outlook to 2030

Discussant: JAN LUITEN VAN ZANDEN, IISG, Amsterdam and University of Utrecht

15.00 – 15.20 Tea

15.20 – 16.10 ROBERT J. GORDON, Northwestern University
Analysis of U.S. Growth Performance during the Post WW-II period and the Outlook to 2030

Discussant: STEPHEN BROADBERRY, University of Warwick

16.10 – 17.00 BART VAN ARK, University of Groningen
Europe's Productivity Gap: Catching Up or Getting Stuck?

Discussant: CHRISTOPHER ALLSOPP, New College, University of Oxford

17.15 Reception (Academiegebouw)

19.30 Dinner (on invitation)