

Second Conference on Early Economic Developments

Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, Canada

July 24-26, 2009

Friday July 24

8:00 - 8:45 Continental breakfast

8:45 - 9:00 Welcome

Human Biological and Cultural Evolution (I)

9:00 - 9:45 Arthur Robson (SFU) and Larry Samuelson (Yale), "The Evolutionary Optimality of Decision and Experienced Utilities"

9:45 - 10:30 Ingela Alger (Carleton) and Jorgen Weibull (Stockholm School of Economics), "Kinship, Incentives and Evolution"

10:30 - 10:45 Coffee break

10:45 - 11:30 Mark Schaffer (Heriot-Watt) and Paul Seabright (Toulouse), "Cooperation and Exogamy"

11:30 - 12:00 Leanna Mitchell (SFU), "Hyperbolic Time Discounting: A Consequence of Exponential Time Discounting and Exogenous Uncertainty"

12:00 - 12:45 Carl-Johan Dalgaard (Copenhagen) and Holger Strulik (Hannover), "The Long Run Development of Humans and Human Societies: A Theory of Four Transitions"

12:45 - 2:00 Lunch

Human Biological and Cultural Evolution (II)

2:00 - 2:45 Curtis Eaton (Calgary), Mukesh Eswaran (UBC) and Robert Oxoby (Calgary), "'Us' and 'Them': The Origin of Identity, and its Economic Implications"

2:45 - 3:30 Pelle Ahlerup (Goteborg) and Ola Olsson (Goteborg), "The Roots of Ethnic Diversity"

3:30 - 3:45 Coffee break

- 3:45 - 4:30 Matthew Baker (Hunter College and CUNY), Erwin Bulte (Wageningen and Tilburg), and Jacob Weisdorf (Copenhagen), "Why do Cultures Differ? Evidence from Cross-Cultural Data"
- 4:30 - 5:30 Stephen Shennan (University College London), Keynote Address: "Subsistence, Population and Socio-economic Developments Among Europe's First Farmers"
- 5:45 Reception

Saturday July 25

- 8:00 - 9:00 Continental breakfast

Hunter-Gatherer Societies

- 9:00 - 9:45 Haim Ofek (SUNY Binghamton), "Origins of Human Migration: Geographic Dispersal Via Logistic Hubs and Logistic Tails"
- 9:45 - 10:30 Mark Collard (SFU), "Cross-Cultural Variation in Hunter-Gatherer Subsistence Technology"
- 10:30 - 10:45 Coffee break
- 10:45 - 11:30 Bruce Winterhalder (UC Davis) and Douglas Kennett (U. of Oregon), "Recovering an Economic Anthropology for the Study of Prehistory: The Behavioral Ecology of Settlement and Social Evolution on the Northern Channel Islands (Santa Barbara, CA)"
- 11:30 - 12:15 Kenneth Ames (Portland State) and Elizabeth Sobel (Missouri State), "Financing Hunter-Gatherer Complexity: Household Production and Elite Strategies on the Lower Columbia River, Southern Northwest Coast"
- 12:15 - 1:30 Lunch

The Evolution of Institutions

- 1:30 - 2:15 Gregory Dow (SFU) and Clyde Reed (SFU), "The Origins of Inequality: Elites, Commoners, and Land"
- 2:15 - 3:00 Brian Hayden (SFU), "Traditional Corporate Group Economics"
- 3:00 - 3:15 Coffee break

- 3:15 - 3:45 Scott Skjei (SFU and Acadia), "A Few Big Men: Selecting Leaders in Prehistoric Societies"
- 3:45 - 4:30 Jung-Kyoo Choi (Kyungpook National U.), "The Holocene Revolution: The Coevolution of Agricultural Technologies and Private Property Institutions"
- 4:30 - 5:30 Sam Bowles (Santa Fe Institute), Keynote Address: "The Nature of Wealth and the Dynamics of Prehistoric Inequality: Theory and Estimates"
- 7:00 Dinner

Sunday July 26

- 8:00 - 9:00 Continental breakfast

Agriculture and Beyond

- 9:00 - 9:45 Quamrul Ashraf (Williams) and Stelios Michalopoulos (Tufts), "The Climatic Origins of the Neolithic Revolution: Theory and Evidence"
- 9:45 - 10:30 Richard Steckel (Ohio State) and John Wallis (U. of Maryland), "Stones, Bones, Cities, and States: A New Approach to the Neolithic Revolution"
- 10:30 - 10:45 Coffee break
- 10:45 - 11:30 Robert Rowthorn (Cambridge) and Paul Seabright (Toulouse), "Property Rights, Warfare and the Neolithic Transition"
- 11:30 - 12:00 Tom Cornwall (UBC), "Feasting and Fighting: Intergroup Interactions in Small Scale Societies"
- 12:00 - 12:30 Ruben Durante (Brown), "In Climate We Trust: Climate Variability, Risk Sharing, and the Historical Emergence of Generalized Trust"