

*A Conference On*  
**Medieval Social and Political Institutions:  
Their Economic Effects**  
*Saturday, November 3rd, 2007*  
*University of Western Ontario*

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**Program**

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**Opening remarks 8:55 AM:** Eona Karakacili (University of Western Ontario) and Nathan Sussman (University of Western Ontario)

**Session A: 9:00-10:30 Big Brother in Action: Governance and Growth**

**Chair: TBA**

Avner Greif (Stanford University): "The Impact of Administrative Power on Political and Economic Developments"

Haggay Etkes (Graduate Student, Hebrew University): "Legalizing Extortion: Containing Armed Tribes by State Regulated "Protection Payments" in Ottoman Gaza (1519-1582)"

**Coffee break: 10:30-11:00**

**Session B: 11:00-12:30 Usury, Developing Markets and Making Money**

**Chair: Ethan Segal (Michigan State University)**

John Munro (University of Toronto): "The Usury Doctrine and Urban Public Finances in Late Medieval Flanders: Annuities, Excise Taxes, and Income Transfers from the Poor to the Rich"

Mark Kuyama (Graduate Student, Oxford University): "Evading the "Taint of Usury": Complex Contracts and Segmented Capital Markets"

**Lunch: 12:30-2:00**

**Session C: 2:00-4:00 Two Institutions, Three Papers: Slavery and the Church**

**Chair: Meir Kohn (Dartmouth College)**

Maya Shatzmiller (University of Western Ontario): "Slavery, Money, and the Development of Credit in the Islamic International Trade, 8th - 10th Centuries"

Jeffery Fynn-Paul (University of Connecticut): "Monotheistic Ideology and the Decline of European Slavery, 700-900"

Philip Slavin (Graduate Student, University of Toronto): "The Prior and the Farmer: Land Use and Geography of Crops on Norwich Cathedral Priory Estates c. 1290-1370"

**Coffee break: 4:00-4:30**

**Session D: 4:30-6:00 Institutions and Growth in the Global Economies**

**Chair Ann McCants (M.I.T.)**

Sevket Pamuk (Bogazici University): "Economy and Institutions in the Medieval Middle East"

Maarten Bosker, Eltjo Buringh and Jan Luiten van Zanden (Utrecht University/IISH; Jan Luiten will present): "'From Baghdad to London': On Long-term Development of Urban Systems in Western Europe and the Arab World Between 800 and 1800"

**For registration information, please contact either conference organizer**

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