

**Empire, State and Growth**  
**Political Economies of the Pre-industrial World and Beyond**  
 International Symposium in Honour of **Peer Vries**

**June 17th:** Seminarraum Geschichte 2, Hauptgebäude Universität Wien, 2. Stock, Stiege 9

*Chair:* Thomas Ertl (University of Vienna)

- 14:00 **Patrick O'Brien** (London School of Economics and Political Science)

*First Industrial Revolution as a Conjunction in Global History*

- 15:00 **Andrea Komlosy** (University of Vienna)

*Entanglements of Catching-up. Rethinking "Industrial Revolution" from a Global Perspective*

16:00 Coffee break

- 16:30 **Erich Landsteiner** (University of Vienna)

*Steel, Arms and the Contest of Empires. The Growth and Decline of Steel Manufacturing and the Armaments Industry in Early Modern Central Europe (16th/17th Centuries)*

- 18:00 **Key Note** chaired by Eric Vanhaute (Ghent University): **Kleiner Festsaal, Universität Wien**

**Peer Vries** (University of Vienna)

*Political Economies of Growth and Stagnation in the Early Modern World*

**June 18th:** VSIG, Rechte Wienzeile 3/9, 1040 Wien

*Chair:* Peter Berger (WU Vienna)

- 9:30 **Ernst Langthaler** (Institute of Rural History, St. Pölten/Fellow Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society LMU München)

*The 'Miracle Bean'. A History of Globalization since 1870*

- 10:30 **Kent Deng** (London School of Economics and Political Science)

*Was there any unilinear Growth Pattern in Global History? The Case of Ming-Qing China*

- 11:30 Guided Walk (Karlskirche und Karlsplatz as Imperial Sites of Remembrance)

**Junior Global Academy.** *Chair:* Andreas Obenhaus (VSIG)

- 14:00 **Rolf Bauer** (University of Vienna)

*A Drain of Wealth? India's Economy in the Age of High Imperialism*

- 14:30 **Ashley Hurst** (University of Vienna)

*Reassessing Traditional Dynastic Empires in a System of Nation-States*

15:00 Coffee break

- 15:30 **Eberhard Crailsheim** (Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas Madrid & VSIG)

*Seville and Manila. Illegal Trade and Corruption in the Spanish Empire (17th & 18th Centuries)*

- 16:00 **Birgit Tremml-Werner** (Tokyo University & VSIG)

*Recent Debates on Tokugawa Japan's Early Modern Growth*

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