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Takashi Seo (Kanazawa University)

"The Effectiveness of "Financial Democratization" in Creative Reconstruction after Natural Disasters"

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"Combinatorics of Failure: Industrial Giants and Workers' Struggles within Transformation Processes in Bosnia and Herzegovina, 1989-2020"

Economic and Social History Seminar

Magnus Ressel (Hagen)

"Das Alte Reich und der globale Kolonialhandel: Eine Fallstudie zum Westfalen Friedrich Romberg (1729-1819) und seinem in Brüssel basierten Firmenimperium"

Mon, Dec 15

14:15 - 15:30

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Tue, Dec 16

13:30 - 15:00

zoom

Wed, Dec 17

18:00 - 20:15

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ABSTRACTS AND FURTHER INFORMATION

Departmental Seminar

Takashi Seo (Kanazawa University)

“The Effectiveness of “Financial Democratization” in Creative Reconstruction after Natural Disasters”

This presentation reports on an ongoing research project (funded for one year from January 2025) that seeks to integrate a theoretical interest in money, credit, and banking with an empirical interest in contemporary forms of “financial democratization,” epitomized by crowdfunding, using Schumpeter’s thought as a conceptual bridge.

The project has two main objectives: (1) to provide empirical evidence that crowdfunding offers significant advantages in terms of financing and cost efficiency for “creative” reconstruction in post-disaster settings; and (2) to develop a theoretical analysis showing how the contemporary phenomenon of financial democratization offers new perspectives for existing theories of money, credit, and banking.

In this seminar, I will outline how Kanazawa University—Regensburg University’s strategic partner institution—seeks to fulfill its academic and societal responsibilities in the context of ongoing disaster-recovery efforts in Japan. I will further argue that these efforts have substantial implications for Schumpeter studies, my own field of the history of economic thought.

Info:

in person



IOS Seminar

Andjela Pepic (University of Banja Luka)

"Combinatorics of Failure: Industrial Giants and Workers' Struggles within Transformation Processes in Bosnia and Herzegovina, 1989-2020"

This seminar talk analyzes the impact of privatization and neoliberal transition on worker struggles in Bosnia and Herzegovina, viewed through the lens of the European periphery. The research centers on case studies of three former industrial giants: "Rudi Čajavec", Energoinvest, and Aluminij. By combining a macro-perspective of structural changes with micro-narratives collected through interviews with (former) workers of the three industrial giants, this presentation reconstructs the period from 1989 to 2020. It examines how dominant ethnonational frameworks and various strategies of "pacification" (such as political clientelism, blackmail, and bribery) fragmented the working class and undermined broader solidarity. The talk will first provide a brief overview of transformation processes with emphasis on privatization. It will then focus on the workers' struggles: from socialist self-managers to passive observers or dispossessed shareholders, and the mechanisms employed by political and economic elites to pacify workers' revolt. Finally, it discusses "the combinatorics of failure": the specific interplay of factors that resulted in the closure or weakening of these industrial complexes.

Info:

Zoom-Meeting:

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Meeting ID: 610 2114 8362

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Magnus Ressel (Hagen)

“Das Alte Reich und der globale Kolonialhandel: Eine Fallstudie zum Westfalen Friedrich Romberg (1729-1819) und seinem in Brüssel basierten Firmenimperium”

Friedrich von Romberg (1729-1819) war einer der bedeutendsten Unternehmer des 18. Jahrhunderts. Um 1785 verfügte er über ein Aktivkapital von 20 Millionen flämischen Gulden und betrieb über 100 Hochseeschiffe, und war aktiv im Kolonial-, Sklaven- und Indienhandel. In Brüssel unterhielt er eine große Kattundruckerei; seine Firma dominierte das europaweite Transitgeschäft. Zudem war er in der Hochfinanz tätig und Hauptversicherer der österreichischen Niederlande. Im Vortrag werden Rombergs Firmenstrukturen anhand seines Nachlasses in Brüssel, Paris und Bordeaux analysiert. Im Vordergrund stehen Prozesse der Bürokratisierung, Arbeitsteilung und Kapitalbeschaffung sowie Rombergs vertikale Integrationsstrategie. Ziel ist es, die Entwicklung „moderner“ Unternehmensformen in der Sattelzeit und die wirtschaftlichen Verflechtungen Europas mit der Plantagenökonomie der Neuen Welt herauszuarbeiten.

Info:

in person



CONFERENCES, PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESENTATIONS

Zdenek Kronberger will give a presentation on "Wie künstliche Intelligenz die Arbeit von Personalmanagern verändert. Ein Beitrag zur Integration künstlicher Intelligenz in moderne HR-Praktiken und Theorien." on Tuesday, December 16th at 12:00 in Room RW(S) 101.

Alessandro Ammon will give a presentation on "Der Einfluss digitaler Vertriebstechnologien auf den OEM-Absatz von Equipment und produktbegleitender Waren und Dienstleistungen im Lebenszyklus des Initialgeschäfts." on Wednesday, December 17th at 10:00 in Room RW(S) 101.

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