

XIV International Economic History Congress

Helsinki, Finland, 21 to 25 August 2006

IEHC 2006

SECOND AND FINAL CALL FOR SESSION PROPOSALS

The International Economic History Association (IEHA) will hold its XIV International Congress in Helsinki, Finland, in August 2006. The local Organizing Institutions are the Department of Social Science History and the Department of History at the University of Helsinki.

The scientific programme of the congress will comprise approximately 100 sessions. The IEHA welcomes proposals for sessions on all topics in economic history, the history of economics, demographic history, social history, urban history, cultural history, gender studies, methodological aspects of historical research, and related fields. Proposals for sessions on the period before 1800, and for ones that include countries other than those of Western Europe and North America will be particularly welcome. The session organizers will be given wide discretion in terms of choosing the format that is the most attractive and efficient given the topic and the target participants. The congress will last for five days. Each day will be divided into four time blocks of 90 minutes (two before lunch and two after lunch).

Following the first call for proposals, the Council of the International Economic History Association has so far approved 48 sessions to be included in the academic programme of the Helsinki 2006 Congress.

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The deadline for the second-round session proposals is 31 January 2005.

The Organizing Committee believes that this two-round procedure will benefit those wishing to propose broad themes, summaries of a subfield, or complex organizational arrangements such as pre-conferences or cross refereeing in that it allows three years for planning and organizing. At the same time, there will be ample space on the programme for new ideas and fresh topics to be announced a year, and even a few months, before the congress. In this way it is hoped to strike a reasonable balance between reports on current research and new topics and sessions that require substantial time to organize and prepare. From submissions received by 31 January 2005, the Executive Committee will fill all but five of the remaining session slots. The final five slots will be filled by the Executive Committee with sessions on topics it feels should be included. The organizers of the sessions selected in the second round will also be encouraged to publish their own call for papers.

The final list of participants and the titles of the papers included in all of the sessions must be submitted by 1 January 2006. It is expected that papers or abstracts will be published on the congress website in advance of the congress. Scholars and the general public will have access to the website and will be able to search, read, and download papers of interest in advance of the congress.

There will be no distinction between sessions submitted in reply to the first or second calls for papers. Each session organizer will be given two time blocks in Helsinki. It is at the discretion of the Executive Committee to give extra time blocks if the number of papers or the dimension of the topic so requires. Time blocks will be sequential on the same day unless the organizers request an alternative timing.

Proposals should include the following information:

1. The name(s), title(s), and institutional affiliation(s) of the organizer(s).
2. Contact information for the organizer: Postal address, telephone and fax numbers, and an e-mail address.
3. Proposed title for the session.
4. A paragraph or two of explanation and argument for the importance of the topic and its inclusion on the programme (max. 200 words).
5. A paragraph (optional) that describes the organizers' own relevant experience and research agenda. Citations to publications by the organizer can be included if applicable (max. 100 words).
6. The number of papers anticipated, and the names and affiliations of those who have agreed in principle to participate.
7. A description of the proposed organizational structure including any plans for pre-conferences (if any), publication of the papers (before or after the congress), or other activities (max. 100 words).

If selected, the organizers of the sessions will be asked to take on the following responsibilities:

1. Communicate as requested with the Secretary General of the Association and the congress organizers in Helsinki as the programme takes shape.
2. Circulate an open call for participation that invites broad involvement by scholars from different countries and representing different approaches. The organizers will be asked to respect the Association's desire to make the International Congress as inclusive as possible, encouraging, if necessary, young scholars and those from outside of Western Europe and North America.
3. Plan the sessions in Helsinki to allow at least twenty percent of the available time for informal open discussion from the floor.

4. Ensure that all participants are able to communicate easily and effectively with each other both before the congress and during the session. Particular attention should be given to easing the difficulty of scholarly dialogue among participants with different native languages.

5. Provide or raise whatever funding may be necessary for the proposed session and associated activities before and after the congress.