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CALENDAR

IOS & Economic and Social History Seminar

Steven Nafziger (Williams College)

“A Violent Backlash to Political Reform: Evidence from Anti-Jewish Pogroms in the 1905 Russian Revolution”

Economic and Social History Seminar

Timothy Guinnane (Yale)

“The role of nuptiality and migration in Malthusian population dynamics: Württemberg, 1600-1890”

Tue, May 21

14:00 - 15:30

109 and Zoom

Wed, May 22

18:00 - 20:15

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ABSTRACTS AND FURTHER INFORMATION

IOS & Economic and Social History Seminar

Steven Nafziger (Williams College)

“A Violent Backlash to Political Reform: Evidence from Anti-Jewish Pogroms in the 1905 Russian Revolution”

Local violence often accompanies moments of political change, as feelings of political threat intersect with preexisting prejudice to endanger groups popularly associated with reform. We examine the relationship between such violence and demographics in the context of the 1905 Russian Revolution, which triggered numerous anti-Jewish pogroms. Counter to an extensive literature that emphasizes the contribution to conflict of ethnoreligious polarization, we show that the sharp increase in pogroms after October 1905, when publication of the October Manifesto and accompanying anti-Semitic propaganda increased feelings of political threat among many non-Jews, was smaller in settlements with relatively large Jewish populations. We demonstrate that this empirical pattern can be rationalized with a model of conflict when political reform systematically alters the distribution of benefits across groups.

Info:

In person in Room 109 (Landshuter Str. 4) and via Zoom-Meeting:

<https://ios-regensburg-de.zoom.us/j/67528405846?pwd=TjQybHlmWDRIY2daRWpVVTVueWtBZz09>

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Economic and Social History Seminar

Timothy Guinnane (Yale)

“The role of nuptiality and migration in Malthusian population dynamics: Württemberg, 1600-1890”

Renewed interest in historical Malthusian models of population has led to important contributions for several countries, including Germany. Recent efforts pay little attention to nuptiality and migration, in part because of data availability. While migration has never featured prominently in Malthusian analyses, nuptiality is central both to Malthus’s own thinking and to older Malthusian studies. We combine aggregated sources and family reconstitutions to consider the role of nuptiality and migration in Württemberg population dynamics across three centuries. Changes in marriage age and numbers ever marrying played a central role in demographic reactions to economic shocks, and by the mid-eighteenth century emigration provided an important adjustment channel. Our results underscore the need for more regional studies to flesh out the all-German results.

Info:

in person



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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