



IV Yale-UB Historical Political Economy Workshop

**JUNE 29-30, 2026
BARCELONA**

Conveners: Francesc Amat (UB) and
Didac Queralt (Yale)



Seminar Room A-411
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Monday, June 29

8:45. Introductory remarks

Session 1 – Keynote

9:00–10:00. **Lisa Blaydes** (Stanford):
Cross-Cultural Historical Global
Encounters.

10:00–10:30 – Coffee Break

Session 2 – Labor

10:30–11:20. **Zuhad Hai** (NYU): Industrial
Policy as Compensation for Economic
Decline: Evidence from Post-War Britain.

Discussant: **Didac Queralt** (Yale)

11:20–12:10. **Miriam Venturini** (UCR):
Agricultural Practices, Organised Workers
and Female Empowerment: Evidence from
Italian Mondine.

Discussant: **Lina Skoglund** (Harvard)

12:10–13:10 – Lunch

Session 3 – Migration

13:10–14:00. **Theo Serlin** (King's College):
Migration and the Making of the English
Middle Class.

Discussant: **Simon Hix** (EUI)

14:00–14:50. **Roberto Valli** (EUI): Exit,
Assimilation, and Mobilization after
Conquest: Evidence from Alsace-Lorraine.

Discussant: **Steven Wilkinson** (Yale)

14:50–15:20 – Coffee Break

Session 4 – Development

15:20–16:10. Hojung Joo (Harvard): Mobilizing for the State: Legacy of the Vietnam War on South Korea's Political and Economic Outcomes.

Discussant: **Pau Vall-Prat** (UB)

16:10–17:00. Robin Harding (Oxford): Putting Property Rights in Context: Colonial Cotton Concessions, Customary Land Tenure, and Development in Mozambique.

Discussant: **Joan Ricart-Huguet** (Loyola Maryland)

19:30. Dinner at **Santa Clara** (by UB, Carrer Jiménez e Iglesias 11-13).

Tuesday, June 30

Session 5 – Conflict

9:10–10:00. Francesc Amat (UB): Resisting Absolutism and Empire Centralization: How Early Institutions Shape Conflict.

Discussant: **Zhaotian Luo** (Chicago)

10:00–10:30 – Coffee Break

Session 6 – State

10:30–11:20. Valentín Figueroa (MIT): Religious Orders and State-Building.

Discussant: **Carles Boix** (Princeton/UB)

11:20–12:10. Shuyi Yu (Chicago): Bureaucratization as a Bumpy Journey: The Rise and Fall of the Imperial Chinese State.

Discussant: **Pablo Beramendi** (Duke)

12:10–13:10 – Lunch

Session 7 – Gender & Religiosity

13:10–14:00. Ashrakat Elshehawy (UCL): Religious Minorities and Public Good Provision

Discussant: **Elias Dinas** (EUI)

14:00–14:50. Biljana Meiske (EUI): Mating Market Competition and Gender Norms.

Discussant: **Krzysztof Krakowski** (King's College)

14:50–15:20 – Coffee Break

Session 8 – Networks

15:20–16:10. Monir Bounadi (Stockholm): Coffeehouses and the Rise of Science.

Discussant: **Casey Petroff** (Rochester)

16:10–17:00. Shanker Satyanath (NYU): Social Clubs and Political Office.

Discussant: **Pablo Pinto** (Houston)

20:00. Dinner at **1881 Sagardi at Museu d'Història**, Port Vell