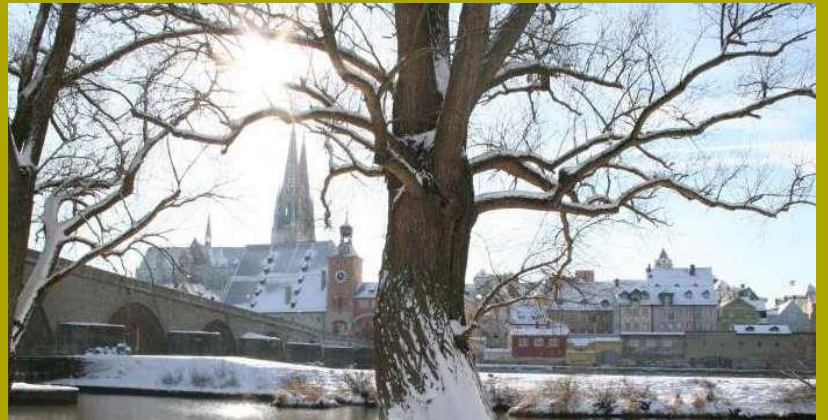


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Gerda Asmus (University of California San Diego and Heidelberg University):

State capacity and local economic development: The Russian state in the Urals

special time

Tuesday, Jan 19

17:00-18:30

Zoom-meeting

Economic and Social History Seminar

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Law & Gospel Order: Resolving Commercial Disputes in Colonial Philadelphia

Wednesday, Jan 20

18:00-20:15

Zoom-meeting

ABSTRACTS AND FURTHER INFORMATION:

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Info:

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Abstract: Trade in the British Atlantic grew a great deal. While acknowledging that this growth had important economic consequences, scholars have yet to fully explain its causes. Combining concepts from the New Institutional Economics and Legal Pluralism, this paper argues that formal religious institutions were key. Based on records from colonial Philadelphia, it shows how the Quaker meeting created a legal forum to resolve commercial disputes. It enforced its verdicts by gathering and disseminating information about disputes locally and across the Atlantic world through the Society of Friends' formal organisation of meetings. Thereby, it re-enforced reputation mechanisms, facilitating the expansion of Philadelphia's trade. The paper contributes to debates on institutions, legal pluralism, and religious diasporas.

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