

Financial institutions in the early modern Iberian monarchies

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Did the economies of the early modern Iberian monarchies lag behind because of the lack of financial institutions? Was the economic backwardness of nineteenth-century Latin America and the Iberian metropolises the consequence of financial institutions ill-suited to economic growth?

Were credit mechanisms accessible and affordable before the modern era? How did public finances and taxation affect private credit? These and many other questions regarding finances and credit will be discussed in the two sessions of the workshop “Financial institutions in the early modern Iberian monarchies”, an event hosted by the European University Institute through the project “Colonial legacies, invisible institutions, and financial markets in Latin America (and beyond)”.

On the 27th of September 2021, eight early-stage researchers from European and Latin American universities and research centres will meet for the first time to discuss the functioning and performance of financial mechanisms, institutions, and actors in the early modern Iberian monarchies. A wide array of topics will be examined, from female convents and *misericórdias* to fiscal treasuries, from Genoa to the Rio de la Plata, from the mid-sixteenth century to the first decades of the nineteenth century. All these issues will be explored and discussed with a view to contest the alleged inexistence/inefficiency of the Iberian financial systems and to reconstruct how they worked. Every participant will present his/her topic for 15 minutes. Questions, comments, and criticism will follow. This first session is a preparatory meeting for the second part of the workshop, which will take place at the European University Institute in Florence, on the 21st and 22nd of October.

Event programme - (Hours are CEST)

15:00-15:15 Prof. Regina Grafe (European University Institute): Opening statement

15:15-15:45 Alberto Sánchez Camacho (European University Institute)

Female convents and local elites: financial mechanisms to consolidate the Spanish Empire in the sixteenth century

- 15:45-16:15** Lisbeth Rodrigues (GHES/ISEG – Lisbon School of Economics & Management)
Between private and public credit: institutional investors in Portugal, 1550-1800
- 16:15-16:30** Short break
- 16:30-17:00** Carlos Antolín Rejón (Universidad Autónoma de Madrid)
Las posibilidades financieras de las redes dinásticas: el priorato de San Juan en Castilla y la embajada del duque de Saboya en Madrid (1600-1624)
- 17:00-17:30** Nahuel Cavagnaro (Università degli studi di Teramo, Italia/ Universidad Nacional de La Plata)
La red financiera de los Salvago-Doria: deudas, vínculos interpersonales, gestión del patrimonio nobiliario y comercio esclavista a Buenos Aires, 1580-1660
- 17:30-18:00** Long break
- 18:00-18:30** Clemente Penna (Mecila – Maria Sibylla Merian International Centre for Advanced Studies in the Humanities and Social Sciences)
Bills of exchange, slavery and Rio de Janeiro's financial market in the first half of the nineteenth century
- 18:30-19:00** Marcelo Lunardi do Carmo (Universidade de São Paulo)
O mercado de crédito na Bahia no início do século XVIII: garantias e prazo de pagamento, variáveis que diminuíam a liquidez do sistema?
- 19:00-19:15** Short break
- 19:15-19:45** Agustín Comiciolli (Instituto Ravignani-UBA/Udesa)
Los oficiales reales de la caja porteña como intermediarios y habilitadores financieros. Un análisis de largo plazo en torno a la gestión hacendística de Alonso de Arce y Arcos, Martín de Altolaquirre y Pedro Medrano (1754-1778)
- 19:45-20:15** Íñigo Ena Sanjuán (European University Institute)
Usury rates, municipal debt, and ecclesiastical treasuries in the eighteenth-century Spanish Crown of Aragon
- 20:15-20:30** Professor Regina Grafe (European University Institute): Concluding remarks