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Call for papers to Session 131 on the XVIth World Economic History Congress, Stellenbosch, 9-13 July, 2012.

"Trade and Growth in the Periphery: the dependency theory revisited"

It is now acknowledged that "dependency theory" fell short in explaining the complexity of the first export era (1870-1929) and its contribution to the economic growth of the Latin American countries. A lot of recent research has provided evidence that exports were not always negative for growth and that openness and integration into the world economy did not necessarily led to underdevelopment. In spite of that, a new comprehensive interpretation of that phenomenon, in which the pros and cons of a pattern of growth based on the export sector is more systematically evaluated, has not yet been constructed.

The purpose of this session is to advance in that direction, by providing new evidence on the role of exports and economic integration in the performance of Latin American economies in the long run.

We welcome papers that:

- use foreign Latin American trade statistics for the period 1870-1929.
- analyze foreign trade patterns either for the whole Latin American region or for some particular countries.
- study Latin American trade and growth linkages, either for the whole region or for particular countries.
- compare the trade of Latin America with other peripheral countries outside the region.

Proposals for papers should be sent to the corresponding organiser no later than 1 March 2012.

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