

Call for Papers
to Session 185

on the XVth World Economic History Congress, Stellenbosch, 9-13 July, 2012:

CURRENCY AND BANKING IN CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN FROM COLONIAL TIMES TO THE PRESENT

Since colonial times the regions selected for study in this session were overwhelmed by money problems common to all of them: lack of currency, depreciation and inflation delayed development of these regions. The creation of banks tried to solve difficulties arising from the monetary scarcity, to diversify the means of payment and to increase sources of funding for the economies.

The objective of this session is to analyze the differences and similarities of the money problems in the colonial and postcolonial Caribbean and Central America. We try to determine the solutions and formulas that were adopted in different places and their effectiveness (successes and failures). The second objective is to examine the origin of the formation of the modern banking systems in these same regions and the formulas applied in different places.

The session seeks to address a common approach to problems still poorly attended both with a geographically broad perspective, encompassing these large regions, and with a wide chronological frame, with researchers coming from different countries (Central America, the Caribbean and Europe). The study will assess which of the models have been efficient and beneficial to the development of countries, comparing the imprint left by Colonial different trajectories in the case of the Caribbean countries so diverse and yet so closely connected.

Please send a title and an abstract (100 words) to session organizers before January 31st, 2012.

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