

Insight from Hindsight: Useful Financial History

Conference and Policy Lecture
organized John Turner, holder of the
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Program (preliminary)

- 8.15 Welcome Coffee
- 8.30 Welcome
- 8.35 Richard Grossman, Wesleyan University: *Fear and Greed: Banking Regulation across US States, 1865-1935*
- 9.20 Gustavo Cortes, University of Florida: *Was the Glass–Steagall Act Justified? Text-Based Evidence from the Pecora Hearings*
- 10.05 Coffee Break
- 10.30 Sibylle Lehmann-Hasemeyer, University of Hohenheim: *Decisions in Times of Economic and Political Crises: A Microeconomic Analysis of German Savings Accounts, 1929–1945*
- 11.15 Jason Lennard, London School of Economics: *Policymaker Expectations, Policy Choices and Economic Outcomes: Evidence from Fiscal Forecasts in the Great Depression*
- 12.00 Will Quinn, Queen's University Belfast: *Long-run U.S. Inflation Expectations, 1877-2020*
- 12.45 Lunch Break
- 13.30 Kirsten Wandschneider, Goethe University Frankfurt: *Open, Shut, Recover: Measuring Interwar Financial Integration*

- 14.15 Chris Colvin, Queen's University Belfast: *After the Union: Ireland Inside the World's First Industrial Economy, 1801–1901*
- 15.00 Coffee Break
- 15.15 Carsten Burhop, University of Bonn: *Saving for retirement in the Kingdom of Saxony: Private initiative vs. public insurance*
- 16.00 Elissa Iorgulescu, University of Muenster: *Portfolio Choice in Times of War: Evidence from Germany, 1931-1945*
- 16.45 End of the Conference
- 17.00 Policy Lecture
Russell Napier, Library of Mistakes: *Thirty Years of Utilising Financial History to Forecast the Future - The Good, The Bad & The Ugly*

(18.15 Transfer to Villa Metzler, Dinner by invitation only)