



**An ERSA Research Workshop  
22 to 23 January  
Cape Town**

**What church records can tell us about economic  
development**



In association with the Economic History Society of Southern Africa

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Because colonial sources often lack adequate information about the lived experience of Africans, quantitative economic historians that are interested in the African experience are forced to find creative ways to identify the effects of colonial policies. Church records at the individual level provide one such recourse.

We have invited Dr. Felix Meier zu Selhausen from the University of Southern Denmark to share his experiences of collecting, digitising and transcribing Anglican parish records in eight African countries, and the remarkable results he has obtained from these records.

The workshop will focus on similar work for South Africa and data sources that are still to be utilised in the region. This will require the interdisciplinary input of historians, theologians and church ministers, and we invite them to apply for the workshop. We also invite those development economists interested in the fields of gender and demography, as these records include information that could be applicable to them.

Date: 22 to 23 January 2016.

Place: TBC

Funding: Travel expenses in South Africa will be covered and accommodation for the duration of the workshop will be provided by the ERSA Economic History Working Group.

Domestic Flights: To Cape Town.

Applications must be submitted to [workshops@econrsa.org](mailto:workshops@econrsa.org) with the subject title "Church Records", by 18 December 2015.