



**An ERSA Research Workshop
3-5 December
Potchefstroom (North-West University campus)**

**A country of migrants:
Advances in South African economic history**



In association with the Economic History Society of Southern Africa

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South Africa is a country of migrants. From the Bantu migration, the arrival of Dutch settlers in the seventeenth century and British settlers in the nineteenth century to the internal movement of black tribes after the Mfecane, the Great Trek of settler farmers, and the inflow of African workers to the mines, South African history is characterised by a constant flux of people from outside and within the country's borders. This trend continues into the present: legal and illegal migration into South Africa has continued, mostly from war-torn and poverty-stricken regions elsewhere in Africa, settlers in search of a better life.

The economic causes and consequences of these past and present movements remain badly understood. This workshop aims to address this gap.

The workshop will also include a special meeting to discuss the current state and future direction of South African economic history. We invite all economists interested in long-run South African development, and historians interested in South Africa's economic past, to attend.

Date: 3-5 December 2012

Place: Potchefstroom (North-West University campus)

Number of participants: The number of participants will be limited to 15-20 delegates.

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 Lanseria or Johannesburg International Airport.

Requirements: Participants are required to submit an abstract of their current research, dataset they would like to use, or research idea they hope to work on in the near future, for inclusion in the workshop. An abridged CV must also be attached to their application. The abstract must be at least 300 words and set out the research field as well as main research questions.

Abstracts must be submitted by 12 October 2013. The ERSA Economic History Working Group will select participants and inform them by 18 October 2013. Send all abstracts to: johanf@sun.ac.za.

Preliminary programme

Time	Activity	Responsibility
Tuesday, 3 December		
09:00-12:00	Arrival	
12:00-14:00	Lunch	
14:00-14:30	Introduction	Waldo Krugell and Johan Fourie
14:30-15:30	Paper presentations	TBD
15:30-16:00	Tea	
16:00-17:30	Paper presentations	TBD
19:00	Dinner	
Wednesday, 4 December		
09:00-10:30	Paper presentations	TBD
10:30-11:00	Tea	
11:00-12:30	Paper presentations	TBD
12:30-14:00	Lunch	
14:00-18:00	Excursion	
19:00	Dinner	
Thursday, 5 December		
09:00-12:00	Brainstorming South African economic history	Discussion lead by Johan Fourie
12:00-12:30	Closing	Waldo Krugell and Johan Fourie
12:30-14:00	Lunch	
After 14:00	Depart	