An ERSA Research Workshop
21 – 23 November 2012
East London

GIS in History

In association with the Economic History Society of Southern Africa

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Economic Research Southern Africa (ERSA) would like to invite participants to the eighth workshop of the ERSA Economic History Research Group. The aim of the Workshop will be to investigate and discuss the use of Geographic Information Systems in a historical context. For this purpose, we have invited Alexander Moradi of the University of Sussex to provide a short but intense overview of GIS applications and their usefulness to economic history questions. Each participant will also be required to present a possible paper idea (present a new dataset or interesting research question, for example) where the use of GIS may be relevant.

Date: 21 – 23 November 2012

Place: East London

Number of participants: The number of participants will be limited to 15-20 scholars. Participants must show interest and potential in the use of GIS in economic history contexts.

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 East London Airport.

Requirements: Participants are required to submit an abstract of the current research they are engaged in, or dataset they want to use, or paper idea they would want to present, for consideration of inclusion in the workshop. 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 21 September 2012. The ERSA Economic History Working Group will select participants and inform them by 28 September 2012. Send all abstracts to: johanf@sun.ac.za.

Preliminary programme:

Wednesday –21 November

From 12:00–14:00   Arrival, registration and lunch

14:00 – 15:30   GIS in History: What's so special about GIS (Alex Moradi)

15.30 – 16:00   Tea

16:00 – 17:30   Borders that Divide: GIS and borders (Alex Moradi)

19:00   Dinner

Thursday – 22 November

09:00 – 10.30   Computer class I: Creating maps (Alex Moradi)

10:30 – 11:00   Tea

11:00 – 12.30   Computer class II: Working with maps (Alex Moradi)

12:30 – 14:00   Lunch

14:00 – 15:30   Paper ideas (8 x 10 minutes each)

15:30 – 16:00   Tea

16:00 – 17:30   Revolutionizing Transport: GIS and railways (Alex Moradi)

19:00   Gala Dinner

Friday – 23 November

09:00 – 10.30   Paper ideas (8 x 10 minutes each)

10:30 – 11:00   Tea

11:00 – 12.00   GIS in History: The way forward (Alex Moradi)

12:00 – 12:30   Closing remarks (Johan Fourie)

12:30   Lunch