

Economics Department Newsletter

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Seminars and events

1. Bishnupriya Gupta on “India and the Great Divergence: An Anglo-Indian Comparison of GDP per Capita, 1600-1871.”

On **Tuesday, September 25**, 4:00PM in Griffin 6, [Bishnupriya Gupta](#) will discuss her paper [India and the Great Divergence: An Anglo-Indian Comparison of GDP per Capita, 1600-1871](#), as part of our Class of 1960 Scholars seminar series. Dr. Gupta is a professor of economics at the University of Warwick specializing in economic history and economic development. She will be discussing new evidence on the level and growth of real income per person in India compared to Great Britain between 1600 and the late 1800s, consider some possible explanations for the differing levels and trends, and will discuss lessons from her broader research agenda, which is providing new insights into why the economic fortunes of Europe and Asia diverged from each other so much in recent centuries.

2. Conference on “The Future of the World Bank and the IMF: Redesign For a New (and Old) World”

On **Thursday, September 27**, and **Friday September 28**, at '62 Center Main Stage, the Williams College Center for Development Economics will host a conference on [*The Future of the World Bank and the IMF: Redesign For a New \(and Old\) World*](#). All events listed for September 27 and 28 below are part of this conference. For these events, tickets are required but are free of charge. To reserve tickets, contact the '62 Center Box Office at (413) 597-2425, Tuesday through Saturday, 1-5PM, or reserve online at 62center.williams.edu.

Thursday, September 27, 4:00PM, '62 Center Main Stage — Panel discussion with: [Nancy Birdsall](#), Center for Global Development and Williams College; [Isirat Husain](#), Former Governor of the State Bank of Pakistan; and [Robert Wade](#), London School of Economics; moderated by [Jerry Caprio](#), Williams College. [*What Kind of World Bank in the 21st Century?*](#)

Thursday, September 27, 8:00PM, '62 Center Main Stage – [James Robinson](#), Harvard University. [*Why Nations Fail*](#).

Friday, September 28, 8:30AM, '62 Center Main Stage — Panel Discussion with: [Michael Bordo](#), Rutgers University; [Atish R. Ghosh](#), International Monetary Fund; [James Hanson](#), formerly World Bank; and [Garry Schinasi](#), formerly International Monetary Fund. Moderated by [Peter Montiel](#), Williams College. [*The Global Financial Architecture and Financial Stability: What Works?*](#)

Friday, September 28, 9:45AM, '62 Center Main Stage — Panel discussion with: [Philip Lane](#), Trinity College (Dublin); [Guillermo Ortiz](#), President, Banorte and former Governor, Banco Central de Mexico; and [Ted Truman](#), The Peterson Institute for International Economics and Williams College. Moderated by [Kenneth Kuttner](#), Williams College. [*The Role of a Lender of Last Resort*](#).

Friday, September 28, 11:35AM, '62 Center Main Stage — Panel discussion with: [Olivier Blanchard](#), International Monetary Fund; [Michael Kremer](#), Harvard University; and [Luis Servén](#), The World Bank. Moderated by [Peter Pedroni](#), Williams College. [*The Role of Research in the Bank and the Fund*](#).

Friday, September 28, 1:45PM, '62 Center Main Stage — Panel discussion with: [Ken Chomitz](#), The World Bank; [Matt Kotchen](#), Yale University; [Andrew Steer](#), President, World Resources Institute, formerly Special Envoy for Climate Change, The World Bank. Moderated by [Sarah Jacobson](#), Williams College. [*Environment and Development?*](#)

Friday, September 28, 3:00PM, '62 Center Main Stage — Panel discussion with: [Uri Dadush](#), The Carnegie Foundation and [Arvind Panagariya](#), Columbia University. Moderated by [Ashok Rai](#), Williams College. [*The Rise of Emerging Markets and the International Financial Institutions*](#).

Post Graduation Job Opportunities

3. NERA Economic Consulting: Information session today

NERA Economic Consulting will be hosting an information session **today**, Friday September 21, from 6:00pm to 7:00pm, in Griffin 4. They say: “NERA representatives will be talking about NERA practice areas, our culture, our clients, the role of our Research Associates, and our experience working at NERA. Our research staff typically have a background in economics, mathematics, finance, statistics, engineering, and computer science. Research Associates usually stay 2 to 4 years before going on to graduate school in economics, business, law, and public policy programs, so NERA would be a good fit for you if you are considering any of these routes.” Further information is available at the URL below:

<http://web.williams.edu/Economics/JobAds/September2012/NERA.pdf>

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Please contact [Jon Bakija](#) with any news, events, or other information that you would like to send around to Economics and Political Economy faculty and majors, as well as anyone who has manifested an interest in the field by taking a class in either department this semester. If you would prefer not to receive the newsletter, please contact [Sandy Zepka](#) to unsubscribe.