

## **International workshop: The economic impact of war, 1648-1815**

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Organised by prof. dr. Marjolein 't Hart (VU/ Huygens ING), Dr. Pepijn Brandon (University of Pittsburgh), and Annemieke Romein, MA (EUR). Key-note speaker: prof. dr. Patrick O'Brien (LSE).

### **About the workshop**

What was the impact of war on the economy, during wartime and in the aftermath of war? Did wars serve as a factor of transformation and change for the economy? Did wars function as a 'growth-lever' in the long run, or were wars mainly destructive? This international workshop will examine the impact of war on the economy in the period 1648-1815, a period of intense inter-state rivalry on a global scale. It will trace the effects of warfare on taxation and finance, military production and state formation, comparing states and economies across the early-modern world.

This workshop brings together leading scholars on the economic impact of warfare in the early-modern period. While comparative research in this important field has largely concentrated on the impact of war on taxation and state-formation, and has been centred on European states, this workshop will significantly broaden this research agenda by examining the impact of warfare on the economy as a whole and by including non-European experiences. NIAS provides the perfect setting for such a workshop, that aims to launch an ambitious and innovative research program and link international research networks.

### **Credits**

This workshop is made possible by the generous contributions of the NIAS; Posthumus Institute and the Huygens ING.

### **More info**

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If you want to participate, please notify the organisation by sending an e-mail before 20 November 2014.

## Program

Day 1

10:00-10:15

Opening words by Prof. dr. Paul Emmelkamp, Rector of NIAS

10:15-10:45

*Key note speaker: Prof. dr. Patrick O'Brien (UK, London School of Economics):*

### **War and Long-Term Economic Growth (title to be confirmed)**

11:00-12:45

#### **Session 1: The impact of war on military related enterprises and contracting systems**

1. Prof. dr. Agustin Gonzalez Enciso (Spain, Universidad de Navarra)  
"War contracting and cannon production Spain"
2. Prof. dr. Sergio Solbes Ferri (Spain, Universidad de Las Palmas de Gran Canaria)  
"Introducing modifications of the supplying systems for the Spanish Army wardrobe in times of difficulties (1785-1808)"

*Commentator: Prof. dr. Rafael Torres Sánchez (Spain, Universidad de Navarra)*

Lunch break: 12:45-14:15

14:15-17:00

#### **Session 2: The impact of war of state revenues and centre-periphery relations**

1. Prof. dr. Farley Grubb (US, University of Delaware)  
"Colonial New Jersey Provincial Tax Revenue, 1709-1775: Sources, Uses, and Counterfactual Assessments"
2. Dr. Kent Deng (UK, London School of Economics)  
"Qing China's failure in national defence and its fiscal implications in the 19th century"
3. Annemieke Romein, MA (The Netherlands, Erasmus University Rotterdam)  
"Rhetoric and Economics: the Nobility's Perceived Impact of Warfare and Taxations on Welfare – 1642-1655"
4. Prof. dr. Zacarias Moutoukias (France, University of Paris Diderot)  
"War, Political Actors and Institutional Change in a Colonial Economy: Buenos Aires and the Atlantic World, 1790-1815"

*Commentator: Prof. dr. Marjolein 't Hart (The Netherlands, VU Amsterdam)*

Day 2

10:00-13:00 (with a 15 minutes break around 11:30)

**Session 3: The impact of war on monetary instruments and capital markets**

1. Dr. Tim Neu (Germany, Georg-August-Universität Göttingen)  
"How to move money? The Financial Revolution in England and the Problem of Global Remittances"
2. Prof. dr. Joel Félix (UK, University of Reading)  
"French monetary policy in the War of the Spanish Succession: the experience of the billets de monnaie/money bills, 1701-1710"
3. Dr. Pepijn Brandon (The Netherlands, VU Amsterdam / US, University of Pittsburgh)  
"War profits and capital markets: Anglo-Dutch connections from the War of the Spanish Succession to the South Sea Bubble"
4. Ivan Valdez-Bubnov (Mexico, IIH-UNAM)  
"Involving the Elites: Credit and Public Donations in the Finance of Spanish Naval Shipbuilding, 1758-1798"

*Commentator: Prof. dr. Abe de Jong (The Netherlands, Erasmus University)*

Lunch break: 13:00-14:00

14:00-15:30

**General discussion and closing remarks**