



Workshop
Early trade statistics: What are they and why do we care

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Ground floor room
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The development of economic expertise and the growing availability of economic statistics go hand in hand. That has been the case from the late 17th century, when a number of innovators in economic thought were also political arithmeticians. As such, shortcutting the understanding of the production of economic statistics can only lead to bad expertise. This workshop will examine the production of part of the earliest available macroeconomic statistics: those dealing with trade.

This study is especially interesting in the 18th century because continental Europe went through a growing integration phase before the Revolutionary and Napoleonic Wars. While Great-Britain was retreating from continental markets for the benefit of overseas ones (despite the 1786 trade treaty with France), free trade was making progress on the continent, supported by a wave of free trade treaties in the 1780s. This was followed by the closing up of European national economies during and after the wars. What was the relation between the two phenomena? Considering that what is usually called the "First" globalization of the 19th century floundered after World War I, is there some kind of regularities that should be taken into account when we examine the consequences of our current globalization? What are the available data? How can we work with them? What do they teach us about the economic evolutions in this pre-statistic age?

Program

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- 9.30-9.45** Welcome word by the OFCE president
9.45-10.00 Presenting TOFLIT18 and the program
10.00-10.45 **Loïc Charles (University of Paris-8/INED):** *Sources and pitfall in early trade statistics (summarizing the questionnaires)*
- 10.45-11.00** *Coffee break*
- 11.00-11.45** **Ulrich Pfister (University of Münster),** *Import trade in Hamburg, 1733-1798*
11.45-12.30 **Werner Scheltjens (University of Leipzig),** *French imports and exports from the Baltic 1670-1850: a quantitative analysis.*
- 12.30-2.15** *Lunch*
- 2.15-3.00** **Cristina Moreira (University of Minho), Jari Ojala (University of Jyväskylä) and Lauri Karvonen (Åbo Akademi University),** *Methodological Issues in Comparing Trade Flows between Portugal and Scandinavia: Lessons from the Soundtoll Records*
- 3.00-3.45** **Jeroen van der Vliet (Rijksmuseum Amsterdam),** *Linking Amsterdam and Sound data sources*
- 3.45-4.00** *Coffee break*
- 4.00-4.45** **Guillaume Daudin (University of Paris-Dauphine/OFCE),** *Linking French and Sound data sources*
4.45-5.30 **Hubert Escaith (WTO),** *Comparing past and current issues in trade statistics*

This event is open to all. To register, please send an email before May 21st 2014 at: valerie.richard@sciencespo.fr. It is funded both by OFCE and the ANR TOFLIT18 (<http://toflit18.hypotheses.org/>)

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