FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

1:15 PM: INTRODUCTION
Naomi Lamoreaux, Yale University

1:30 – 2:45 PM: PANEL 1
Resources and State-building I
Chair: Seven Agir, Yale University
Joe Manning, Yale University; Water, Irrigation and their Connection to State Power in Egypt
Bin Wong, UCLA; Historical and Comparative Perspectives on Resource Management in Chinese Empires
Respondent: Daniel Headrick, Roosevelt University

BREAK

3:15 – 4:30 PM: PANEL 2
Resources and State-building II
Chair: Peter Perdue, Yale University
Alan Mikhail, Yale University; Domestic Animals and Economic Transformation in Ottoman Egypt
Anne McCants, MIT; Building in Stone: Clerical and Lay Political Struggle in the High Middle Ages
Respondent: Ken Pomeranz, UC Irvine

5:00 PM: KEYNOTE LECTURE
Richard White, Stanford University; Incommensurate Measures: Nature, History, and Economics
Introduced and moderated by John Mack Faragher, Yale University

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

8:15 AM: BREAKFAST

9:00 – 10:15 AM: PANEL 3
Empire and Resources in the Ancient Mediterranean
Chair: Francesca Trivellato, Yale University
R. Bruce Hitchner, Tufts University; Too Many Men: Population, Resources, and the Origins of Roman Expansionism
John Haldon, Princeton University; Resources, Markets and the State: The Case of Byzantium
Respondent: Peter Temin, MIT

BREAK

10:45 – 12:00 PM: PANEL 4
Water
Chair: K. (Shivi) Sivaramakrishnan, Yale University
Ling Zhang, Yale Agrarian Studies Fellow/Boston College; From ‘Controlling Floods’ to ‘Managing a River’: The Chinese State and the Political History of the Yellow River
Arupjyoti Saikia, Yale Agrarian Studies Fellow/IIT Guwahati; Jute or Flood: Exploring the fate of certain schemes in the Brahmaputra River Valley
Respondent: Richard Hornbeck, Harvard University

12:00 – 1:00 PM: BUFFET LUNCH

1:00 – 2:30 PM: PANEL 5
Comparative Perspectives on Resources and Governance
Moderator: Paul Sabin, Yale University
Nancy Langston, University of Wisconsin
John McNeill, Georgetown University
Timothy Mitchell, Columbia University

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