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# Resources: Endowment or Curse, Better or Worse?

## CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Luce Auditorium, Henry R. Luce Hall  
34 Hillhouse Avenue

### 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

The conference is free and open to the public

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