

CALL FOR PAPERS

Appalachian Spring: Third Annual Conference in World History and Economics

This conference is an interdisciplinary meeting aimed at bringing together scholars from Appalachian State University (Boone, NC) with scholars from other universities in North Carolina and the surrounding states. We have already hosted two of these meetings in the past, which have been very successful. Our model is to bring a prominent keynote speaker to our campus, a person with wide interdisciplinary appeal. This year's speaker will be **Dr. Peter Lindert** from the University of California, Davis, a world-renowned scholar of the economics and history of government spending and globalization. We will also feature 5-6 panels with scholarly papers, divided among different topical themes, including an undergraduate/graduate panel. This year's theme will be *Government and Progress: A World of Experience*.

The conference will take place on **April 26, 2008**, on the Appalachian State University campus, Boone, in the beautiful North Carolina mountains. Those interested in participating should let the organizers know by **March 1st, 2008**. A one-page abstract describing the scholar's proposal should be submitted to the organizers by that date. A full paper will be expected by the organizers by **April 2nd, 2008**. There is no registration fee. The organizers might provide funding for accommodations (pending on funding), but not for travel expenses. We will offer meals to the participants during the meeting at no cost.

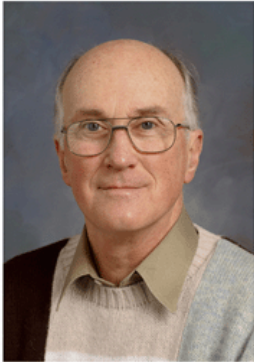
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Dr. Lindert, Distinguished Professor of Economics at University of California, Davis, is a prolific scholar of modern economic history. He is one of leading experts of the economics and history of governments and redistribution as well as the long trends in globalization. His current research interests include the causes and effects of modern fiscal redistribution; history of inequality, political voice and economic growth. His most current large-scale research project, comprising researchers from many different countries, focuses on global prices and incomes in the long run (see the website: <http://gpih.ucdavis.edu/>), which features a growing array of downloadable files of historical data.

Representative Recent Papers:

- *Growing Public: Social Spending and Economic Growth since the Eighteenth Century*. Two volumes. Cambridge University Press, 2004. *Growing Public* has been awarded the 2005 Allan Sharlin Prize for best book in social science history published in 2004 and is also a co-winner of the Gyorgy Ranki Prize for the best book in European Economic History in 2003-2004.
- Peter H. Lindert and Jeffrey G. Williamson, "Does Globalization Make the World More Unequal?" in Michael D. Bordo, Alan M. Taylor, and Jeffrey G. Williamson (eds.), *Globalization in Historical Perspective* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press for the NBER, 2003), pp. 227-270.
- "Voice and Growth: Was Churchill Right?" *Journal of Economic History*, 63, 2 (June 2003): 315-350.
- *Shifting Ground: The Changing Agricultural Soils of China and Indonesia* (book), MIT Press 2000.
- "Three Centuries of Inequality in Britain and America," in A.B. Atkinson and F. Bourguignon, *Handbook of Income Distribution*, Elsevier 2000.

Professor Lindert's professional affiliations include: Economic History Association (President-Elect, Journal Co-Editor, Editorial Board, Board of Trustees); Cliometric Society (Winner of Its "Can" Award); American Economic Association; Research Associate, National Bureau of Economic Research, among others.