

# From Stagnation to Growth: Unified Growth Theory

June 16-18, 2007

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## *Program*

**Saturday, June 15**    **Dinner (1)**

**Saturday, June 16**

**Part I: Economic Growth in the Very Long-Run**

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| 12:30 - 13:30 | Lunch  |
| 14:00 - 14:30 | Workshop Opening<br><b>Giovanni Federico (EUI)</b>   |
| 14:30 - 16:15 | <i>From a Malthusian Epoch of Stagnation to Sustained Economic Growth - Historical Evidence</i><br><b>Oded Galor (Brown)</b>                     |
| 16:15 - 16:30 | Coffee Break   |
| 16:30 - 17:30 | <a href="#"><i>Technological Progress and the Decline of European Mortality</i></a> (Joel Mokyr, AER 1993)<br><b>Dorothee Crayen (Tuebingen)</b> |
| 20:30         | <b>Dinner (2)</b>  |

**Sunday, June 17**

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| 9:00 - 10:45  | <i>Unified Growth Theory</i><br><b>Oded Galor (Brown)</b>   |
| 10:45 - 11:00 | Coffee Break  |
| 11:00 - 12:45 | <i>Recent Developments in the History and Theory of Very Long Run Growth</i><br><b>Steve Broadberry (Warwick)</b> |
| 12:45 - 13:45 | Lunch   |

14:15 - 15:15      *The Simplest Unified Growth Theory* (with Holger Strulik, University of Hannover)  
**Jacob Weisdorf (Copenhagen)**

15:15 - 15:30      Coffee Break

## **Part II: Insights from UGT to the Great Divergence**

15:30- 17:15      *Human Capital promoting Institution and the Great Divergence*  
**Oded Galor (Brown)**

**Free Evening**

## **Monday, June 18**

9:00 - 10:45      *Education Inequalities and the Kuznets Curves: A Global Perspective since 1870* (with Christian Morrisson).  
**Fabrice Murtin (LSE)**

10:45 – 11:00      Coffee Break

11:00 - 12:45      *Trade, Culture and the Great Divergence*  
**Oded Galor (Brown)**

12:45-13:45      Lunch

## **Part III. Human Evolution and Economic Development**

14:15 – 16:00      *Natural Selection and the Origin of Economic Growth*  
**Oded Galor (Brown)**

16:00 – 16:15      Coffee Break

16:15 – 17:15      [\*Survival of the Richest: The Malthusian Mechanism in Pre-Industrial England\*](#) (Gregory Clark, and Gillian Hamilton, JEH, 2006)  
**Neil Cummins (LSE)**

17:15 – 19:00      [\*From Malthus to Solow: How Did the Malthusian Economy Really Evolve?\*](#) (with Terence C. Mills)  
**Nicholas Crafts (Warwick)**

19:00 – 20:00      Open Discussion

20:30                **Dinner (3)**

END

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