BELIEFS, MARKETS AND EMPIRES: UNDERSTANDING MECHANISMS OF INTEGRATION IN EARLY SOCIETIES

NYUADI March 6-7, 2011

March 5  Optional day trip to Sharjah
8:30 – 10:30 PM  Open House Arrival Reception

DAY 1: SUNDAY MARCH 6, 2011

6:30 – 8:30 AM  Breakfast
8:30 – 9:00 AM  Coffee & Registration
9:00 – 9:15 AM  Opening Remarks by Andrew Monson and Walter Scheidel
9:15 – 10:45 AM  Session 1: MARKETS AND BELIEFS
Barbara Kowalzig (NYU): “Religion and cross-cultural trade: the ancient Mediterranean”
Christophe Goddard (CNRSNYU): “The principle of differentiation: a new approach to religious bilingualism in Numid and Roman Africa”
10:45 AM – 11:15 PM  Break & Refreshments
11:15 – 12:45 PM  Session 1 continued
John Meloy (American University of Beirut): “The local politics of religion and trade in late medieval Mecca”
12:45 – 2:00 PM  Lunch
2:00 – 3:30 PM  Session 2: LONG-DISTANCE NETWORKS AND WORLD SYSTEMS
Andrey Korotayev (Russian State University for the Humanities): “Long-distance networks and mathematical models of world-systems development”
Xinru Liu (College of New Jersey): “Central Asia: link between India and China”
3:30 – 4:00 PM  Break & Refreshments
4:00 – 4:45 PM  Session 2 continued
Christopher Chase-Dunn (UC Riverside): "The causes of urban and empire upsweeps in world regions"
4:45 – 5:15 PM Concluding discussion

7:00 PM Dinner

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**DAY 2: MONDAY MARCH 7, 2011**

6:30 – 8:30 AM Breakfast

8:30 – 9:00 AM Coffee

9:00 – 10:30 AM Session 3: EMPIRES AND INTEGRATION

Peter Turchin (University of Connecticut): “Warfare and empire: evolution of large-scale social integration”

Michael Puett (Harvard University): “Empires and networks: mechanisms of integration in East Asia”

10:30 – 11:00 AM Break & Refreshments

11:00 AM – 11:45 AM Session 3 continued

Victoria Tin-bor Hui (Notre Dame University): “The weakness of integration in the Chinese empire”

11:45 AM – 12:30 PM Session 4: COMPETITION AND INTERSTATE TRADE

Hamad bin Seray (United Arab Emirates University): “The Palmyrenes in the World of Seas (The Mediterranean, the Red Sea and the Arabian Gulf): Policy, Commerce and International Trade from the 1st Century B.C. to the 2nd Century A.D.”

12:30 – 1:45 PM Lunch

1:45 – 3:15 PM Session 4 continued

Roberta Tomber (British Museum): “Rome in the western Indian Ocean: the archaeology of trading ports and partners”

Steven Sidebotham (University of Delaware): “Results of fieldwork at Berenike (Red Sea Coast), Egypt, 1994-2011”

3:15 – 3:45 PM Break & Refreshments

3:45 – 4:45 PM Concluding responses and discussion: developing a framework for the collaborative study of premodern integration

5:45 PM Depart for Al Mamoura Auditorium

6:30 – 8:30 PM Public Lecture: David Ludden (NYU): “Commerce and empire in India: the centrality of the Hindu temple”
Immediately followed by a public reception

8:30 PM  Depart for Hotel
9:00 PM  Dinner

DEPARTURE DAY: TUESDAY MARCH 8, 2011

6:30 – 10:30 AM  Breakfast