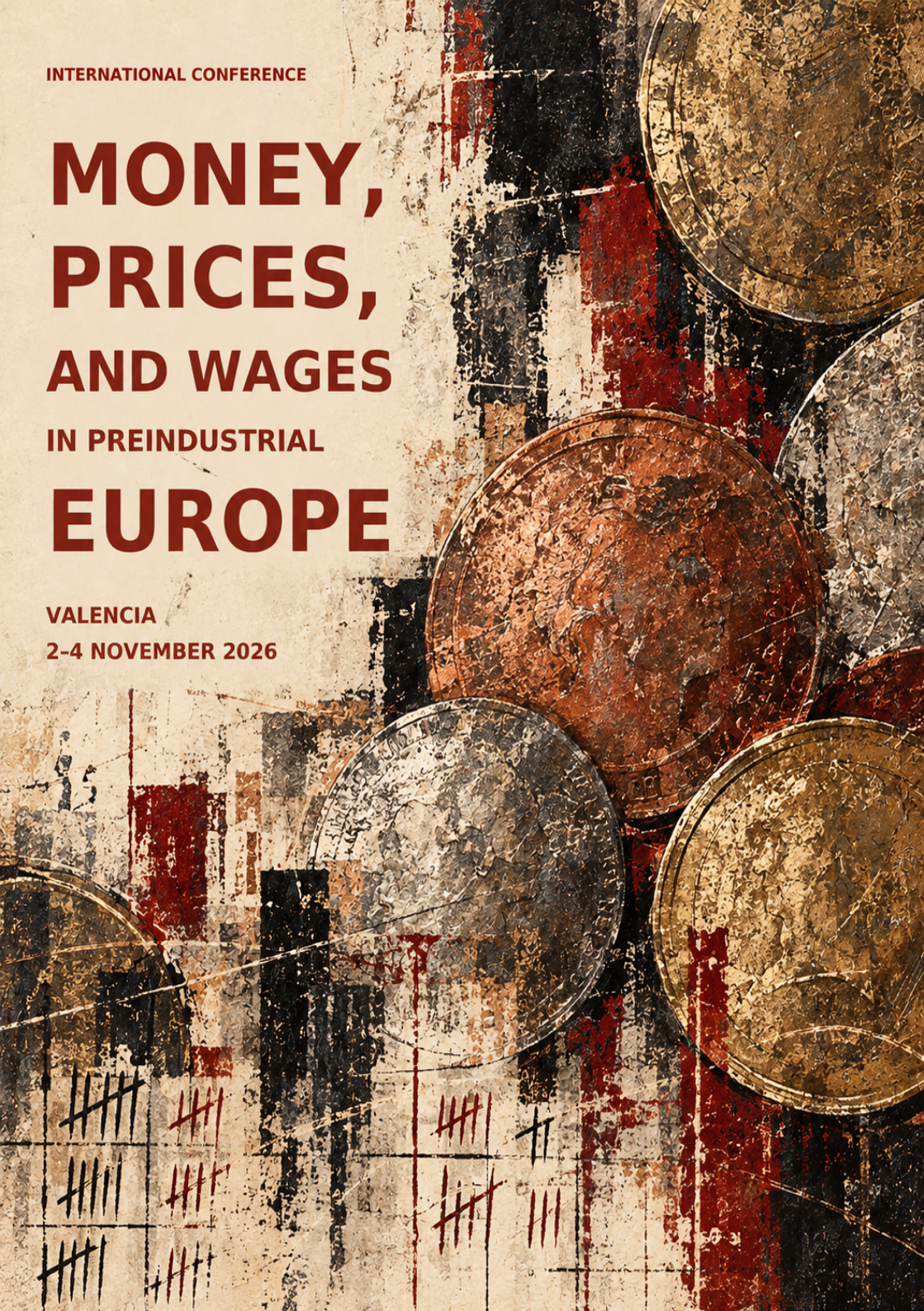


INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

MONEY, PRICES, AND WAGES IN PREINDUSTRIAL EUROPE

VALENCIA

2-4 NOVEMBER 2026



MONDAY, 2 NOVEMBER

MORNING

SESSION 1

09:30 Opening remarks

10:00 **Keynote lecture · Robert C. Allen — New York University Abu Dhabi**

Price and Wage History: A Lens on the Past

10:30 Coffee break

Hamilton and the Price Revolutions

Chair: Daniel Tirado — Universitat de València

11:00 **Richard W. Unger — University of British Columbia**

The Times and Life of Earl Jefferson Hamilton (1899–1989)

11:30 **Manuel González Mariscal — Universidad de Sevilla**

The Price Revolution in Spain and the Enduring Relevance of Hamilton's Ideas Almost a Century after Their Publication

12:00 **Rodney Edvinsson — Stockholms universitet**

Sweden as a Case Study in Hidden Medieval Inflation: Silver Scarcity and the Twelfth-Century Price Revolution in European Perspective

12:30 Discussion

Money, Prices and Markets

Chair: Sandra de Pleijt — Wageningen University & Research

15:30 Marc Bompaire — École Pratique des Hautes Études (EPHE-PSL)

Monetary Quantifications for France from the Thirteenth to the Fifteenth Centuries

16:00 Rita Martins de Sousa & António Castro Henriques — Universidade de Lisboa

Changes in Money, Changes in Prices? Portugal, 1247-1807

16:30 Carlos Álvarez Nogal — Universidad Carlos III de Madrid

Expectations and Inflation in Castile: The vellón Crisis at the Beginning of Philip IV's Reign (1624-1629)

17:00 Coffee break

17:30 Roman Zaoral — Univerzita Karlova

Prices and Wages in the Central European Cities, 13th-16th Centuries

18:00 Francesco Ammannati — Università di Firenze

The Price of Knowledge: Book Prices, Markets, and the Value of Print in Early Modern Europe

18:30 Discussion

Wages, Income and Living Standards in the Long Run

Chair: Bruce M. S. Campbell — Queen's University of Belfast

09:30 Stephen N. Broadberry — University of Oxford

Real Wages and GDP per Capita in Early Modern Europe:
Can They Be Reconciled?

10:00 Mikołaj Malinowski — Rijksuniversiteit Groningen

Before the Partitions: Taxation, Income, and Distribution in
Poland-Lithuania around 1790

**10:30 Miquel Faus (Universitat de València), Antoni Furió
(Universitat de València) and José Joaquín García
Gómez (Universidad de Almería)**

Long-Term Income Dynamics in Mediterranean Europe: New
Evidence from Valencia, 1250-1850

11:00 Coffee break

11:30 David González Agudo — Universitat de València

Castilian Wages in the Long Run: Toledo 1517-1800

**12:00 Leandro Prados de la Escosura — Universidad Carlos III
de Madrid**

Ingenuity and the Reversal of Fortune: Spain and Britain,
1501-1800

12:30 Discussion

Labour Markets and Wage Formation

Chair: Maria A. Pons — Universitat de València

15:30 Jordan Claridge — London School of Economics and Political Science

The Black Death as a Structural Labour Market Transformation? Evidence from the Manorial Labour Share

16:00 Franco Franceschi — Università di Siena

Earning a Wage: Children and Young Workers in the Florentine Wool Industry, 14th–15th Centuries

16:30 Coffee break

17:00 Leonardo Ridolfi — Università di Siena

Wage Dispersion and Working Time in a Leading Pre-Industrial Economy: Tuscany, 14th–16th Century

17:30 Judy Stephenson — University College London

Wages before Machines: Imperfectly Competitive Explanations for the Trajectory of Wages in Early Modern England

18:00 Discussion

Wages, Gender and Inequality

Chair: Daniel Muñoz — Universitat de València

09:30 Sam Geens — Universiteit Antwerpen

Gender, Wages, and the Little Divergence in the Low Countries (1280–1550)

10:00 Sandra de Pleijt — Wageningen University & Research

Women's Wages and Gender Wage Inequality in the Northern Part of the Low Countries, ca. 1400–1800

10:30 Ramón Lanza García — Universidad Autónoma de Madrid

Skill Premium and Labour Market in Early Modern Spain

11:00 Coffee break

11:30 Jane Whittle — University of Exeter

The Gender Pay Gap in English Rural Wages c.1300–1800

12:00 Jane Humphries — University of Oxford, All Souls College

Care-less Costs of Living and Care-free Standards of Living: Putting Care and the Labour of Caring into Economic History

12:30 Discussion

Households, Distribution and Institutions

Chair: Juan Vicente García Marsilla — Universitat de València

15:30 Antoni Mas — Universitat de les Illes Balears

Ultimately, an Economic Calculation: Income, Expenditure, and the Cost of Social Reproduction among Majorcan Peasant Households, Fourteenth to Seventeenth Centuries

16:00 Bo Franzén — Stockholms universitet

Medieval Swedish Mining Industry: A Paradox Explaining the Formation of Sweden as a National State?

16:30 Coffee break

17:00 Marco Conti — Université Bordeaux Montaigne

Administration, Salaries, and State Formation: Preliminary Reflections on the Case of Périgueux (14th–16th Centuries)

17:30 António Castro Henriques — ISEG, Universidade de Lisboa

Testing the "Frontier Economy" Hypothesis. Real Wages and Welfare Ratios in Reconquista Portugal, 1140–1290

18:00 Discussion

19:00 Closing remarks and farewell



Ninety years after the publication of Earl J. Hamilton's *Money, Prices, and Wages in Valencia, Aragon, and Navarre, 1351–1500* (1936), this conference revisits a landmark of twentieth-century economic history whose data remain a resource for historians today. Hamilton's legacy provides both an occasion for reflection and a starting point for assessing how the field has changed.

Bringing together research on medieval and early modern Europe, the conference explores money, prices and wages through questions of living standards, consumption baskets, household incomes and inequality, with particular attention to working time, women's and children's paid labour, and care.

By placing new evidence and methods in comparative perspective, it asks what prices and wages reveal—and what they leave unrecorded—about the distribution of resources and the conditions of everyday life. Returning to Hamilton thus opens onto a broader history of how Europeans worked, earned and lived.

President: Antoni Furió · Secretary: Jordi Quiles

Scientific Committee

Marc Bompaire (École Pratique des Hautes Études); Hilario Casado (Universidad de Valladolid); Antonio Henriques (Universidade de Lisboa); Jane Humphries (University of Oxford); Rosa Lluch Bramon (Universitat de Barcelona); Paolo Malanima (Università Magna Graecia – Catanzaro); Angela Orlandi (Università di Firenze); Gabriella Piccinni (Università di Siena); Regina Schäfer (Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz); Jane Whittle (University of Exeter).



GENERALITAT
VALENCIANA

Conselleria d'Educació, Cultura
i Universitats

Financiado por el proyecto CIPROM 2022/46



VNIVERSITAT
DE VALÈNCIA

CiSEM
Cultures i Societats de l'Edat Mitjana