Risk and Fortune
2016 - 2017

Fall Semester

Friday September 16
Yair Mintzker
Princeton University
"Jew Süss," Mordechai Schless, and the Jewish Community in Stuttgart, 1706-1738

Friday September 23
Daniel Strum
University of San Paúlo
Managing Risk and Fortune in Commercial Relations: Brazil, Portugal, and the Netherlands (1595–1618)

Friday September 30
Vanessa Ogle
Archipelago Capitalism: Tax Havens, Offshore Money, and the State, 1920s-1980s

Friday October 7
Gerd Gigerenzer
Max Planck Institute
The End of Common Sense: From statistical intuitions to statistical algorithms

Friday October 14
Joel Kave
Barnard College
Balancing Risk and Doubt in Scholastic Economic Writings

Friday October 21
Verónica Castillo-Muñoz
University of California, Los Angeles
Risky Fortunes: U.S. Investors and the Mexican Revolution

Friday October 28
Carl Wennerlind
Davis Center Fellow
Atlantic Restored: Political Economy during Sweden's Age of Greatness

Friday November 11
Lorraine Daston
Max Planck Institute for the History of Science
An Entirely New Kind of Risk: The Case of Atomic Reactor Insurance

Friday November 18
Shennette Garrett-Scott

Friday December 2
Giovanni Ceccarelli
Renaissance Florence
Risk, Culture, and Business in Renaissance Florence

Friday December 9
Caley Horan
Actuarial Age: Insurance and the Emergence of Neoliberalism in the Post-WWII United States

Friday December 16
Benoit M. Pelopidas
The theorist who leaves nothing to chance. How Thomas Schelling and his legacy normalized the practice of nuclear threats

Spring Semester

Friday February 10
Emily Nagel
Vanderbilt University
Languages of Risk and Insurance in Early Modern Political Thought

Friday February 17
Ethan Hubbard
Princeton University
Risky Ventures: Trade, Violence, and Identity in the 17th Century Mediterranean

Friday February 24
Christine Zabel
Harvard University
Augmenting Possibilities and Regulating Risk: Speculation in Early Modern Europe

Friday March 3
E.M. Rose
Harvard University
The Pirate, the Planter, and the Purveyor: Three Models of Colonial Investment

Friday March 17
Horia Boudia
Managing Scientific and Political Uncertainty: Environmental and Health Risk Assessment in a Historical Perspective

Friday March 17
Jacco Dieleman
Davis Center Fellow
Risky and Fortune in Ancient Textual Amulets

Friday March 31
Pablo Gomez Juluaga
Davis Center Fellow
Risky Bodies: Quantification, Fungibility, and Slave Trade in the Seventeenth-Century Atlantic

Friday April 7
David S. Jones
Harvard University
Risk and New Fortunes: Prosperity and Confounded Narratives of Cardiac Risk in Independent India

Friday April 14
Jöel Isaac
University of Cambridge

Friday April 21
William Boyd
University of Colorado
Genealogies of Risk: Health, Safety, and Environmental Law in 20th Century America

Friday April 28
Monica Azzolin
University of Edinburgh
Earthquake Saints: Taming Nature with Devotion in Early Modern Italy

Friday May 5
Federico Marcon
Princeton University
The Happy, Risky Life of Moneychangers in Early Modern Japan

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