



German Historical Institute
1607 New Hampshire Ave., NW, Washington, D.C.

Conference
**The Transmission of Financial Knowledge in
Historical Perspective**

March 8 – 9, 2019

Conveners:

Nicholas Osborne (New-York Historical Society)
Atiba Pertilla (German Historical Institute, Washington, DC)

Friday, March 8

9.00 – 9.30 am

Welcome and Introductions

Simone Lässig (Director, GHI
Washington)

Nicholas Osborne (New-York Historical
Society)

Atiba Pertilla (GHI Washington)

9.30 – 9.45 am

Coffee Break

9.45 – 11.15 am

Panel I

Chair: Claudia Roesch (GHI Washington)

David Hochfelder (University at Albany,
SUNY)

“Thrift and Empire: The Case of the U.S.
Occupation of the Philippines”

Casey Marina Lurtz (Johns Hopkins
University)

“Community Accountability and
Microlending in 19th-Century Mexico”

11.15 – 11.30 am

Coffee Break

11.30 – 1.00 pm

Panel II

Chair: Sünne Juterczenka (Göttingen University/GHI Washington)

Poorva Rajaram (Jawaharlal Nehru University)

“Bad Lives: A Post Office Insurance Scheme in Colonial India”

Jaclyn Schultz (University of California-Santa Cruz)

“The Political Economy of Charity in Antebellum U.S. Childhood”

1.00 – 2.00 pm

Lunch Break (on your own)

2.00 – 3.30 pm

Panel III

Chair: Elisabeth Engel (GHI Washington)

Joan Flores-Villalobos (Ohio State University)

“The Value of Death: Accessing Compensation in Panama and the Caribbean, 1904–1914”

Heather Welland (Binghamton University, SUNY)

“Life is Cheap: Buying and Selling Industrial Life Insurance in Victorian Britain”

3.30 – 3.45 pm **Coffee Break**

3.45 – 5.15 pm **Panel IV**

Chair: Michael O'Malley (George Mason University)

Linda Przybyszewski (University of Notre Dame)

“Labor, Cost, and Style: Teaching the Economics of Dress and Dressmaking, 1910–1940”

Michael Zakim (Tel Aviv University)
“Accounting for the Self”

6.30 pm **Conference Dinner**

Saturday, March 9

9.00 – 10.30 am **Panel V**

Chair: Atiba Pertilla (GHI Washington)

Rachel Knecht (Brandeis University)
“Perilous Calculations and Terrible Formulae”: Life Insurance Algorithms in Postbellum America

James Taylor (Lancaster University)
“Learning How to Speculate: Outside Brokers and the Stock Market in Britain, 1880–1914”

10.30 – 10.45 am **Coffee Break**

10.45 – 12.15 pm **Panel VI**

Chair: Nicholas Osborne (New-York Historical Society)

Peter Knight (University of Manchester)
“Gilded Age Investment Advice”

Owen Lyons (Ryerson University)
“Dr. Mabuse and His Doubles: Finance
Capital in the Weimar Popular Imaginary”

12.15 – 1.30 pm **Lunch** (at the GHI)

1.30 – 2.30 pm **Concluding Discussion**