International Workshop “Monetary transitions in colonial Africa”
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Day 1 – 15 January 2020

Session 1 – Chair: Gerold Krozewski, University of Osaka
9.30-10.00 Karin Pallaver, University of Bologna
Introduction: Monetary transitions in colonial Africa

10.00-11.00 Akinobu Kuroda, University of Tokyo
Locate Colonial Africa in the Global Monetary History Viewed from the Ground

11.00-11.30 Coffee Break

Session 2 – Chair: Catherine Eagleton, Director of Museums, University of St. Andrews
11.30-12.30 Steven Serels, Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient
The Transition to Instability: the Italian Lira in Eritrean History

12.30-13.30 Alessandro De Cola, University of Bologna
The Maria Theresa thaler in Italian Eritrea: the Impact of Colonial Monetary Policies during the First World War

13.30 -14.30 Lunch
Session 3 – Chair: Karin Pallaver, University of Bologna
14.30-15.30 Tinashe Nyamunda, North West University, South Africa
Early pursuit for settler monetary autonomy in colonial Southern Rhodesia: The attempts to establish a State and Public Bank, 1896-1907

15.30-16.30 Admire Mseba, University of Missouri-Columbia
The Political Economy of Currency Circulation in Southern Africa, c. 1890-1931

16.30 - 17.00 Coffee Break

Session 4 – Chair: Toyomu Masaki, Kanazawa University
17.00-18.00 Alden Young, UCLA
The Nuba Mountains and The Colonial Debate on if Africans Understand Money

19.00 Dinner, Antica Osteria Romagnola, via Rialto 13

Day 2 – 16 January 2020

Session 5 – Chair: Tinashe Nyamunda, North West University, South Africa
9.30-10.30 Toyomu Masaki, Kanazawa University
Spheres of money and payment systems in the colony of Senegal and its protectorates in the long nineteenth century

10.30-11.30 Bamidele Aly, Independent Researcher
The Creation and issue of the West African Sterling notes in West Africa (1914-1947)

11.30-12.00 Coffee Break

Session 6 – Chair: Admire Mseba, University of Missouri-Columbia
12.00-13.00 Domenico Cristofaro, University of Bologna
“Here there is no gold standard. Cows are the standard”. Currencies, wealth accumulation and the monetary transition in the Northern Territories of the Gold Coast (1896-1936)

13.00 -14.00 Lunch

Session 7 – Chair: Akinobu Kuroda, University of Tokyo

14.00-15.00 Karin Pallaver, University of Bologna
Spheres of exchange and the disruption of money uniformity in early colonial Kenya

15.00-16.00 Catherine Eagleton, Director of Museums, University of St. Andrews
Multiple currencies at Zanzibar, 1860-1900: how and why did the Rupee become the currency of East Africa?

16.00-17.00 Coffee Break

17.00-18.00 Conclusion: wrap up and publication plans

19.00 Dinner Restaurant Pane e Panelle, via San Vitale 71