Program

5th Transnational Rhine Conference, Mainz 30.10-1.11.2014
Akademie der Wissenschaften

Amsterdam as an educator – or: The Rhine as the historic “axis of capitalism”

Thursday, 30 October 2014
14.00-14.30 Introduction:
Werner Plumpe (Frankfurt am Main), Amsterdam as an educator – or: The Rhine as the historic “axis of capitalism”

14.30-15.30: Keynote I:
Deirdre McCloskey (Chicago/Gothenburg), Shuffling or Net Gain: A Challenge to Historical Geography

15.30-16.00 Coffee and Tea

16.00-17.30 First Section:
Before 1800: Early and modern trade relations, supply chains and the Rhine economy
Robert Spaulding (Wilmington), Upstream and Down River: Changing Directions in the Rhine Trade 1680-1820
Wilfried Reininghaus (Münster), The economic relations between Westfalia and Holland before 1800
Comment: to be announced

18.00 Reception

Friday, 31. October 2014
9.00-10.30 Second Section: The Napoleonic Years: Decline or Advancement?
Margrit Schulte-Behrbühl (Düsseldorf), Secret Trading Networks and Innovation during the Napoleonic Wars
Guillaume Garner (Lyon), The Rhine as an economic boundary in the area around Mainz during the French occupation
Comment: Stefan Gorißen (Bielefeld)
11.00-12.30 Third Section: Rhine port economies in the 19th and 20th centuries.
Paul van de Laar (Rotterdam), Changing capitalism. Rotterdam’s transformation from 18th century staple market till 19th century transitpolis.
Antoine Beyer (Paris), State capitalism and municipal interest. Geostrategic considerations and their effects on Strasbourg’s port activity (1918 –1960)
Comment: Eva-Maria Roelevink (Bochum/Bergen)

13.30-15.00 Fourth Section: Towns and ports in the Rhine economy
Wilfried Forstmann, Ralf Banken (Frankfurt am Main), A financial Axis along the Rhine: Antwerp-Amsterdam-Frankfurt am Main 1586-1830
Cátia Antunes (Leiden), Early Modern Ports, 1500-1750
Comment: Mark Jakob (Marburg)

15.00-18.00 Excursion

Saturday, 1.11.2014
9.00-10.30 Fifth Section: The Rhine as gate to the world (I)
Dirk Koppenol (Rotterdam), The “Extension of the Rhine economy: The History of a Megaproject: The second Maasvlakte 1990-2008
Joep Schenk (Rotterdam), Links in the iron chain. Rotterdam traders versus Ruhr industrialist in the quest for iron ore 1870-1919
Comment: Alfred Reckendrees (Copenhagen)

11.00-12.30 Fifth Section: The Rhine as gate to the world (II)
Eline Poelmans (Leuven), The ports of Antwerp and Rotterdam in the period 1980 and 2012: friends or foes?
Marten Boon (Rotterdam), Connecting to global oil. The construction of oil pipelines in the Rhine basin
Comment: Nil Disco (Enschede)

12.30-13.00 General and Project Discussion

14.00 End of the Conference