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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Associate Professor of Economic History, London School of Economics	2016-
Assistant Professor of Economic History, London School of Economics	2011-2016
Researcher, Money in Africa Project, British Museum	2010-2011
Lecturer in Economic History, University of Cape Town	2010

OTHER AFFILIATIONS

Research Associate, National Museum of American History, Smithsonian	2020-
Research Associate in African Economic History, Stellenbosch University	2011-
Research Associate, CAGE, Warwick University	2014-
Fellow of the Royal Historical Society	2018-

EDUCATION

University of Oxford

DPhil in History	2010
MPhil , with Distinction, in Economic and Social History	2006
New York University, USA	
BA <i>summa cum laude</i> in Research Methods and Public Policy	2004

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Leigh A. Gardner (forthcoming) *Sovereignty without Power: Liberia in the Age of Empires, 1822-1980*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press

Leigh A. Gardner and Tirthankar Roy (2020) *Economic History of Colonialism*, Bristol: Bristol University Press.

Leigh A. Gardner (2012) *Taxing Colonial Africa: The Political Economy of British Imperialism*, Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Daniel Branch, Nicholas Cheeseman and Leigh Gardner, eds. (2010) *Our Turn to Eat: Politics in Kenya Since 1950*, Berlin: Lit Verlag.

Journal Articles

Stephen N. Broadberry and Leigh A. Gardner, 'Economic growth in Sub-Saharan Africa 1885-2008: Evidence from eight countries' *Explorations in Economic History* (2021).

Ellen Feingold, Johan Fourie, and Leigh A Gardner (2021), 'A Tale of Paper and Gold: The Material History of Money in South Africa', *Economic History of Developing Regions*, special issue celebrating the centenary of the foundation of the South African Reserve Bank.

Jutta Bolt and Leigh A Gardner (2020), 'How Africans shaped British colonial institutions: evidence from local taxation', *Journal of Economic History* 80:4, pp. 1189-1223.

Leigh A. Gardner (2017) 'Colonialism or supersanctions: sovereignty and debt in West Africa, 1871-1914', *European Review of Economic History* 21, pp. 236-257.

Stephen N. Broadberry and Leigh A. Gardner (2016) 'Economic development in Africa and Europe: reciprocal comparisons', *Revista Historica Economica* 34, pp. 11-37.

Leigh A. Gardner (2015), 'The curious case of the franc in the Gambia: Floating exchange rates and the British imperial monetary system in the 1920s', *Financial History Review* 22, pp 291-314.

Leigh A. Gardner, 'The Rise and Fall of Sterling in Liberia, 1870-1943', *Economic History Review* 67 (2014), pp. 1089-1112.

Johan Fourie and Leigh A. Gardner, 'The internationalization of economic history: a puzzle', *Economic History of Developing Regions* 29 (2014), pp. 1-14.

Leigh A. Gardner (2010) 'Decentralization and Corruption in Historical Perspective: Evidence from Tax Collection in British Colonial Africa', *Economic History of Developing Regions* 25: 213-36.

Book Chapters

Jari Eloranta and Leigh A. Gardner (2021) 'War and empire', in Stephen Broadberry and Kyoji Fukao (eds), *Cambridge Economic History of the Modern World*, edited volume forthcoming with Cambridge University Press.

Leigh A. Gardner (2020) 'Financial History of Sub-Saharan Africa', *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Economics and Finance*, Oxford University Press.

Leigh A. Gardner (2020) Public Debt in West Africa, 1871-1914: Sovereignty, Capital and the Politics of the "Empire Effect", in Nicolas Barreyre and Nicolas Delalande (eds), *Global Politics of Public Debts from the Late 18th Century*, Palgrave Macmillan.

Leigh A. Gardner (2019) 'New colonies, old tools: building fiscal systems in East and Central Africa', in Anne Booth and Ewout Frankema (eds), *Fiscal Capacity and the Colonial State in Asia and Africa, c. 1850-1960*. Cambridge University Press.

Leigh A. Gardner (2018) 'Numerical Data & Statistical Sources', in *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of African History*, Oxford University Press
doi: 10.1093/acrefore/9780190277734.013.366

Leigh A. Gardner (2017), 'Review of periodical literature on British economic history 1850-1945', *Economic History Review* 70, pp. 307-16.

Leigh A Gardner (2014) 'Money and Finance', in E. Frankema and E. Hillbom (eds), *The History of African Development*. Open-source textbook for African students published by the African Economic History Network.

Leigh A. Gardner (2013) 'The Fiscal History Of The Belgian Congo In Comparative Perspective', in F. Buelens and E. Frankema (eds.), *Colonial Exploitation and Economic Development: The Belgian Congo and the Netherlands Indies Compared*, London: Routledge.

Maxim Bolt, Catherine Eagleton and Leigh A. Gardner (2012) ‘Money in Africa: New Historical and Anthropological Approaches’, in B. Cook (ed.), *The British Museum and the Future of UK Numismatics*, London: British Museum Press.

Leigh A. Gardner (2010) ‘An Unstable Foundation: Taxation and Development in Kenya, 1945-63’, in Daniel Branch, Nicholas Cheeseman and Leigh A. Gardner (eds.), *Our Turn to Eat: Politics in Kenya Since 1950*, Berlin: Lit Verlag.

WORKING PAPERS AND WORK IN PROGRESS:

‘The Collapse of the Gold Standard in Africa: Money and Colonialism in the Interwar Period’, under review, *African Studies Review*

‘Colonialism, independence and African institutions from c. 1880’, in Jenna Bednar, Tom Currie, Sergey Gavrilets, Pete Richerson and John Wallis, eds., *Organizational Complexity and Institutional Dynamics* (Templeton Foundation, 2021)

‘Slavery, capitalism and economic development: the view from British Africa’, *Business History Review* (invited contribution to special issue on slavery and capitalism).

‘Despotism in Africa: Centralized or Decentralized?’ (with Jutta Bolt, Jennifer Kohler, Jack Paine and James Robinson), draft in progress

‘Mapping the African State: Colonial Origins of Local Jurisdictions in British Africa’ (with Jutta Bolt, Catherine Boone, and Jennifer Kohler), draft in progress

‘The Magna Carta in Kenya? Law, the power to tax, and the institutional legacies of British colonialism’, draft in progress

‘All taxation is local: Fiscal decentralization and colonial institutions in British Africa’, draft in progress.

AWARDS AND PRIZES

LSE REF Impact Fund (with Smithsonian and Stellenbosch, £23,997)	2020
ESRC, Spatial inequalities in African political economy (co-investigator, £670,000)	2018
LSE Knowledge Exchange and Impact Fund (with Smithsonian, £39,106)	2018
Research Infrastructure and Investment Fund, LSE (£9,720)	2016
Stellenbosch University Top 25 Researchers 2012 (ZAR 50,000)	2014
British Academy International Partnerships and Mobility Grant (£9,070)	2014
Economic History Society Small Research Grant (£2,840)	2013
Thirsk-Feinstein Dissertation Prize, Economic History Society	2011

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

International Conferences: African Studies Association (USA), African Studies Association (UK), American Historical Association, Birmingham Centre for West African Studies 50th Anniversary, Economic History Association, Economic History Society, Edinburgh Centre for African Studies @50 Conference, European Conference on African Studies, European Historical Economics Society, European Network in Universal and Global History, Swedish Economic History Meeting, World Business History Conference, World Economic History Congress.

Invited Seminar Presentations: Basel University, Cambridge University, French Ministry of Finance, George Mason University, Groningen University, Institute for Historical Research, London School of Economics, Oxford University, Paris School of Economics, Sciences-Po Paris, Stellenbosch University, University of Cape Town (Economics Department),

University of Copenhagen, University of Southern Denmark, University of Stellenbosch, University of Tübingen, University of Zambia, Wageningen University.

Workshops: African Economic History (London School of Economics, Graduate Institute, Geneva, and Lund University), ERSA/FRESH Workshop (Stellenbosch University), ‘Twenty Years of Multipartyism (University of Oxford), History and Economic Development Group (School of Oriental and African Studies, London School of Economics), Historical Patterns of Development and Underdevelopment (Centre for Economic Policy Research and European Commission)

TEACHING AND SUPERVISION

London School of Economics and Political Science

PhD Supervision

Nick Fitzhenry,

Jennifer Köhler, Pre-colonial gender norms and economic development in Africa (submitting fall 2021, LSE Fellowship)

Mattia Bertazzini, Economic history of Italian Africa (submitted August 2019, post-doctoral fellowship, Department of Economics, Oxford University)

Abel Gwaindepi, Fiscal history of the Cape Colony (University of Stellenbosch, co-supervised with Johan Fourie and Krige Siebrits) (December 2017, post-doctoral fellowship at Lund University)

Rebecca Simson, East Africa civil service in the post-war period (No corrections, October 2017, Research Fellowship at Wadham College, Oxford)

Edward Kerby, ‘Chinese and Taiwanese foreign direct investment in South Africa’ (Minor corrections, August 2016, NRF post-doctoral fellowship)

Kazuo Kobayashi, ‘Indian Cotton Textiles in West Africa, 1700-1850’ (Minor corrections January 2016; Japan Society for the Promotion of Science post-doctoral fellowship at University of Tokyo; Lecturer in Economic History, Osaka Sangyo University)

Gerardo Serra, ‘Economics and statistics as tools for state building in colonial and post-colonial Africa’ (Minor corrections May 2015; 3-year lectureship University of Sussex, permanent post University of Manchester)

Undergraduate

EH211 – Africa and the World Economy, 1500-2000 (Course convener; introductory course in African economic history for undergraduates)

EH237 – Methods and Themes in Economic History (Co-taught; core course)

Graduate

EH401 – Historical Analysis of Economic Change (core course for MSc students in Economic History and Political Economy of Late Development)

EH482 – Pre-modern Paths of Growth: East and West Compared, c. 1000-1800/1900 (Co-taught; optional course on comparative pre-industrial economic history for MSc students in Economic History, Political Economy of Late Development and Global History)

EH413 – African Economic Development in Historical Perspective (Course convener; introductory course on historical origins of African development outcomes for MSc students in Economic History, Political Economy of Late Development and Global History)

EH421 – Economic History of Colonialism (Co-taught with Professor Tirthankar Roy, optional course for MSc Students)

EH Dissertation Sessions (Course convener; course on research methods and design for MSc students in Economic History, Political Economy of Late Development and Global history)

LSE/UCT July School

LCS-EH201 Africa and the World Economy, 1500-2000 (Course convener)

University of Cape Town

Undergraduate: Making of the Modern World Economy; Colonial and Post-Colonial Encounters; Economies of Feasts and Famines; Final Year Economic History Research Projects

Graduate: Modern African History and Politics

University of Oxford

Undergraduate: Politics of Sub-Saharan Africa; Approaches to History: Economics

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Editorships

Editorial Board, <i>European Review of Economic History</i>	2021-
Editorial Board, <i>Journal of Economic History</i>	2018-
Book Reviews Editor, <i>Economic History Review</i>	2018-
Editorial Board, <i>New Historical Perspectives</i> (RHS)	2018-
Editor, <i>Economic History of Developing Regions</i>	2014-19
Assistant Book Reviews Editor, <i>Economic History Review</i>	2014-17

University service

Research Ethics Committee, LSE	2019-22
Steering Committee, African Studies Institute, LSE	2015-

Department service

Deputy Head of Department for Teaching, Economic History, LSE	2020-23
PhD Admissions Committee, Economic History, LSE	2016-17
Appointments Committees, Economic History, LSE	Various

Other academic service

Secretary-General, International Economic History Association	2022-
External PhD Examiner, Cambridge University	2021
External PhD Examiner, Durham University	2021
Treasurer, European Historical Economics Society	2019-
External PhD Examiner, Warwick University	2019
External PhD Examiner, University of Wageningen	2018
Trustee, European Historical Economics Society	2017-
External PhD Examiner, University of Ghent	2016
External DPhil Examiner, University of Oxford	2015
Organizer, African Economic History Network Workshop	2014
Convener, EHS Careers and Publishing session	2014
Elected member, Economic History Society Council	2012-18
Faculty participant, EHS Residential Training Course for PhD students	2011-12
External MA Examiner, University of Johannesburg	2010
Participant, International Research Seminar on Decolonization	July 2008

Public engagement

Digital Collection of West African currency, Smithsonian Learning Lab	2019
Display Content, Smithsonian Museum of American History	2019
Tribal Government Gaming Workshop, LSE	2019
Keynote lecture, Tribal Business Summit, House of Lords	2018
Clarendon Scholars Alumni Talk, University of Oxford	2015
Interview, Norwegian Business Daily (<i>Dagens Næringsliv</i>)	2014

BBC World Service, Business Daily interview	2013
Economist <i>Free Exchange</i> interview	2013
Research profiled in the <i>Financial Times</i> , <i>New Statesman</i>	2013
Speaker, LSE Cape Town Conference on 'Africa Euphoria'	2013
Chatham House briefing on African economic performance	2013
Gallery talk on 'Money in the British Empire', British Museum	2011
Display Content, Citi Money Gallery, British Museum	2011
Contributor, Oxford Analytica <i>Daily Brief</i>	2010-13

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Member of: Economic History Society, Economic History Association, European Historical Economics Society, American Historical Association, African Economic History Network, Economic History Society of Southern Africa, African Studies Association, African Studies Association UK