African Economic Development: Past, Present, and Future  
CGIS South, 1730 Cambridge Street, Cambridge, MA

Friday April 17th: Tsai Auditorium
9:00-10:30. States, Legitimacy, and Conflict.  
Chair: Emmanuel Akyeampong (Harvard)
Raul Sanchez de la Sierra (Harvard)  
_On the Origin of States: Stationary Bandits and Taxation in Eastern Congo_
Arthur Blouin (University of Toronto)  
_Culture and Contracts: The Historical Legacy of Forced Labour_
Rob Blair (Yale University)  
_Trust in Untrustworthy States_
10:30-11:00. Coffee break.
11:00-12:30. States and Economic Development.  
Chair: Robert Bates.
Nathan Nunn and James Robinson (Harvard)  
_The Evolution of Culture and Institutions: Evidence from the Kuba Kingdom_
Marcel Fafchamps (Stanford University)  
_Networks and Manufacturing Firms in Africa: Results from a Randomised Field Experiment_
Johan Fourie (Stellenbosch University)  
_The Efficiency and Equity of Infrastructure in Africa: Past, Present and Future_
12:30-2:00pm. Lunch.
2:00-3:30. Banks, Credit, and Capital.  
Chair: Kola Karim (Founder, Shoreline Co)
Chibuluke Uche (African Studies Center Leiden)  
_The Rise of Nigerian Multinational Banks_
Ayodeji Olukoju (University of Lagos)  
Leonce Ndikumana (UMASS Amherst)  
_Capital Flight from Africa: The Problem and How to Deal with It_
3:30-4:00. Coffee break.
4:00-6:00. Keynote Lecture. Tsai Auditorium.  
Chair: Henry Louis Gates (Harvard)
Jared Diamond (UCLA)  
_Keynote Address_

Saturday April 18th: CGIS S050
9:00-10:30. Financing Colonial States.  
Chair: John Thornton (Boston University)
Marlous van Waijenberg (Northwestern University)  
_Financing the African Colonial State: The Revenue Imperative and Forced Labor_
Elise Huillery (Sciences Po)  
_The Dynamics of Fiscal Capacity, Internal Conflicts, and Development: Evidence from Colonial French Africa_
Jutta Bolt (University of Groningen)  
_Pre-Colonial Institutions and Local Government Finance in British Colonial Africa_
10:30-11:00. Coffee break.
11:00-12:30. Understanding Africa’s Recent Growth and its Future Prospects.  
Chair Hubert Danso (CEO, Africa Investor Group)
Stefan Dercon (DFID, Oxford)  
_Roaring Lions, Barking Hyenas, and Predatory Tigerfish: Are New Development Models Emerging in Africa?_
Hippolyte Fofack (Africa Export Import Bank)  
_Analyzing the New Africa Growth Story: Africa Rising?_
Linda Heywood (Boston University)  
_Angola and Cuba: Strategic Alliance and Soft Power Objectives_
12:30-2:00. Lunch.
2:00-3:30. Panel Discussion.  
Chair: Savannah Maziya (CEO, Bunengi Group)
Moderator: Jared Diamond (UCLA).  
Panelists: James Robinson (Harvard University), Stefan Dercon (DFID, Oxford), Robert Bates (Harvard University), Joseph Inikori (University of Rochester), Michael McGovern (University of Michigan)
3:30-4:00. Coffee Break.
4:00-5:30. Economic Development in West Africa.  
Chair: Joseph Assan (Brandeis University).
Akyeampong and Xu Liang (Harvard University)  
_Small-Scale Mining, Chinese Technology and the Transformation of the Rural Economy in Ghana_
Michael McGovern (University of Michigan)  
_The Effects of Land Expropriation in Guinea and Liberia_
Joseph Inikori (University of Rochester)  
_The Rise of Enclave Economies and the Retardation of Market Development in Precolonial West Africa_
5:30-5:45. Concluding comments from conference organizers.