

Friends of Business History News

News

Making History

The Norwegian Nobel Committee awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for 2006, divided into two equal parts, to **Muhammad Yunus** and **Grameen Bank** for their efforts to create economic and social development from below. Lasting peace cannot be achieved unless large population groups find ways in which to break out of poverty. Micro-credit is one such means. Development from below also serves to advance democracy and human rights.

Muhammad Yunus has shown himself to be a leader who has managed to translate visions into practical action for the benefit of millions of people, not only in Bangladesh, but also in many other countries. Loans to poor people without any financial security had appeared to be an impossible idea. From modest beginnings three decades ago, Yunus has, first and foremost through Grameen Bank, developed micro-credit into an ever more important instrument in the struggle against poverty. Grameen Bank has been a source of ideas and models for the many institutions in the field of micro-credit that have sprung up around the world. (For the entire story, click [here](#))

On November 1st in Business History

1871 - The New York Stock Exchange seeks to seal up potential information leaks by passing a law forbidding members from "dealing with" non-members in the "rooms of the Exchange." The punishment for this infraction was a suspension lasting anywhere from 60 days to one year.

1893 - Supporters of the gold standard as the basis for the United States' currency win a key victory over those legislators who argued for silver, as Congress voted to turn back the three year-old Sherman Silver Purchase Act. The Sherman Act helped generate \$155.9 million in Treasury notes during its brief time in the law books.

1908 - The Ford Model T, the first car for millions of Americans, hits the market. Over 15 million Model Ts are eventually sold, all of them black.

1923 - Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company buys the rights to manufacture Zeppelin dirigibles.

1893 - The Ford Motor Company begins production on a significantly redesigned automobile - the Model A. With prices starting at \$460, nearly 5 million Model As rolled onto America's highways before production ended in early 1932.

1950 - Two radical Puerto Rican nationalists launched an assault on the Blair-Lee mansion, where President Harry S. Truman was staying while the White House was undergoing repairs, across the street. Staff police foiled the assassins' attempt. The news quickly spread to the financial community, where relieved traders went on a small spree, helping the Dow post a modest 0.68 gain to close the day at 225.69.

Money, Investment and Risk

5th International Conference

Papers on issues from any field of investment, money, risk

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and finance are solicited for the [Fifth International Conference on Money, Investment and Risk](#) at Nottingham Trent University on November 1-3, 2006.

Commerce and the Evolution of the City

Trading Places

[Trading Places: Commerce and the Evolution of the City through the Ages](#) from November 1 to 3, 2006 is an interdisciplinary conference prepared jointly by the McCord Museum in Quebec, Canada and the Department of History at Carleton University.

History of Economics Research Area

EAEPE Conference

For the EAEPE conference in Istanbul, Turkey on November 2-4, 2006 EAEPE's [Institutional History of Economics Research Area](#) invites paper proposals that contribute to any of its seven theoretical perspectives.

Economic History Panel

At the SSHA Meetings

The Social Science History Association (SSHA) encourages economic historians' panel or paper proposals for the [SSHA Meetings](#) from November 2 to 5, 2006 in Minneapolis, MN. A list of topics that may interest economic historians can be found at the [Economics Network home page](#).

ADVANCE Workshop Series

Sustainable Value Approach

The [ADVANCE project workshop](#) at GES Investment Services in Stockholm, Sweden on November 3, 2006 introduces people to the Sustainable Value approach and offers insight into the application of the approach in practice.



Business & Economic Systems

MIBES

The [Management of International Business & Economics Systems \(MIBES\) conference](#) on November 4-5, 2006 is organized by the Department of Business Administration, Technological Institute of Larissa, Greece.

ISOBD Fall Conference

Semi-Annual Professional Meeting

The [International Society of Business Disciplines \(ISOBD\)](#) accepts unpublished manuscripts, working papers and abstracts for their semi-annual professional meeting in Las Vegas, NV from November 5 to 8, 2006. ISOBD also sponsors several business teaching and administrative awards.

Payment Economics

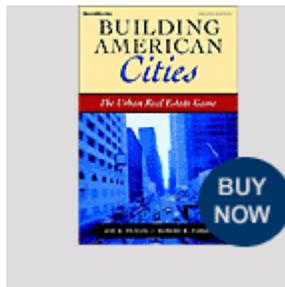
Recent Developments

"[Recent Developments in Payment Economics](#)" is the topic of De Nederlandsche Bank's conference in Amsterdam, The Netherlands on November 9 and 10, 2006. Jean-Charles Rochet (University of Toulouse) and David Humphrey (Florida State University) have agreed to be keynote speakers.

Polak 7th Annual Research Conference

Capital Flows

The International Monetary Fund holds the [Jacques Polak Seventh Annual Research Conference](#) at its headquarters in Washington, DC on November 9-10, 2006. The theme of the conference is Capital Flows.



Financial Institutions

Public versus Private Ownership

The Center for Financial Studies, the Deutsche Bundesbank, and the Wharton Financial Institution Center organize [Public versus Private Ownership of Financial Institutions](#) in Frankfurt, Germany on November 17 and 18, 2006, on the implications of the ownership structure of banks, insurance companies and other financial institutions.

Russian IT Seasons Europe

Outsourcing to Russia & East Europe

[Russian IT Seasons Europe](#) in Jungfrau, Switzerland on November 20-21, 2006 presents opportunities of IT outsourcing to Russia and other East European countries as an alternative to other famous destinations.

Business Research Conference

Program, Abstracts Provided Electronically

The [Third International Business Research Conference](#) at Victoria University in Melbourne, Australia from November 20 to 22, 2006 is sponsored by the World Business Institute, the *Journal of Business & Policy Research* and the *Global Review of Business and Economic Research*.

Marketing and Development

35 Years of Marketing in Romania

The Faculty of Marketing within the Academy of Economic Studies in Bucharest organizes on November 23 and 24, 2006 the international conference "[Marketing and Development 1971-2006: 35 Years of Marketing in Romania](#)".

Comparative Economics

XV Biannual AISSEC Conference

The Italian Association for the Analysis of Comparative Economic Systems (AISSEC) holds its [XV Biannual Conference on Comparative Economics](#) in Naples, Italy on November 24-25, 2006.



Globalization & Economic Cooperation

Management Challenges

The Department of Business Management at the University of Calcutta (India) has a post-centenary golden jubilee conference on [Globalization and Regional Economic Cooperation: Management Challenges](#) on November 25 and 26, 2006.

The Future of Corporate Financing

In an Integrating EU Financial Market

The European Commission Directorate General for Economic and Financial Affairs workshop on "[The future of corporate financing in an integrating EU financial market](#)" in Brussels, Belgium on November 27, 2006 brings together researchers, policy makers and market representatives interested in this field.

Modelling Economies in Transition

11th Conference of the AMFET

[Modelling Economies in Transition](#) in Zakopane, Poland from November 29 to December 2, 2006 is the 11th conference of the international Association for Modelling and Forecasting Economies in Transition (AMFET).

Innovating Labor Market Policies

Transitional Labor Markets & Flexicurity

There is an international conference on [Innovating Labour Market Policies: Transitional Labour Markets and Flexicurity](#) in Amsterdam, Netherlands on November 30 and December 1, 2006.



Development and Economic Growth

A Regional View

A conference on [Development and Economic Growth: A Regional View](#) at the University of Quintana Roo in Mexico from November 30 to December 1, 2006 is open to the general public interested in the Yucatan Peninsula's economic development.

Bounded Rationality

In Economics and Finance

Shortly after the [INFER Workshop on Bounded Rationality in Economics and Finance](#), December 1-2, 2006 at Loughborough University (UK), a selection of papers presented will be published in one or more INFER volumes.

International Borneo Business Conference

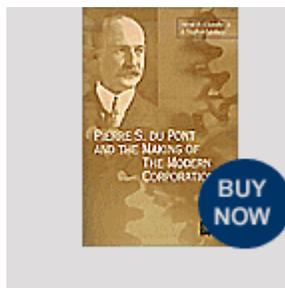
Organized by UNIMAS

The [2nd International Borneo Business Conference](#) in Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia on December 6-8, 2006 is organized by the Faculty of Economics & Business, Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS).

Is Macroeconometrics Back?

7th Macroeconometric Workshop

The Halle Institute for Economic Research (Germany) organizes the [7th Macroeconometric Workshop: Is macroeconometrics back?](#) on December 7 & 8, 2006.



Constraints to Full Employment

Work Choices and Welfare-to-Work

[The Constraints to Full Employment Conference](#) at the University of Newcastle (Australia), December 7 and 8, 2006 incorporates the 8th Path to Full Employment Conference and the 13th National Conference on Unemployment.

History of Finance & Financial Institutions

In the Asia-Pacific Rim

The internationally-refereed journal *Accounting, Business & Financial History* sponsors a workshop at the University of Sydney, Australia on December 8, 2006 about the [History of Finance and Financial Institutions in the Asia-Pacific Rim](#).

Financial Econometrics

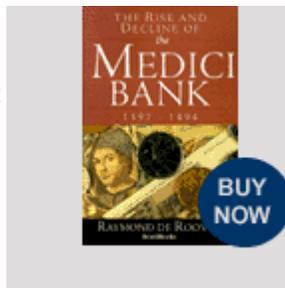
Zeuthen Workshop

The Department of Economics, University of Copenhagen (Denmark) organizes the [Zeuthen Workshop on Financial Econometrics](#) on December 8 and 9, 2006. The workshop is linked to the Zeuthen Lectures given by Professor Tim Bollerslev (Duke University).

Money, Finance and Growth

International Tor Vergata Conference

The [XV International Tor Vergata Conference on Banking and Finance](#) from December 13 to 15, 2006 is organized by the Department of Economics and CEIS at the University of Rome together with the Lally School of Management and Technology of the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.



Economic Growth and Development

3rd Annual Conference

The Policy and Planning Research Unit at the Indian Statistical Institute, New Delhi holds the [3rd Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development](#) on December 13-15, 2006.

EIBR Conference

Sponsored by the JAABC

The [Economics and International Business Research Conference, Miami \(EIBR\)](#) from December 13 to 16, 2006 publishes articles of interest to the business community and introduces new concepts. It is sponsored by *The Journal of the American Academy of Business, Cambridge (JAABC)*.

The European Russia

Economic and Social Prospects

The international multidisciplinary conference "[Russia in Europe: economic and social prospects](#)" on December 14 to 16, 2006 (in Paris and in St. Petersburg) analyzes the economic and political consequences of the reforms in the 1990s to design a new economic system.

Governments, Markets & the Future of Capitalism

4th Biennial Conference of the HKEA

The Hong Kong Economic Association (HKEA) holds its [Fourth Biennial Conference](#) on December 14-16, 2006 at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. The general theme is "Governments, Markets, and the Future of Capitalism".

ACE International Conference

Bridging, Exploring, Communicating

The [All China Economics \(ACE\) International Conference](#) in Hong Kong from December 18-20, 2006 is open to academics, professional economists, business practitioners, and university students.

Innovation, Competition & Growth

11th ISS Conference

The [11th International J. A. Schumpeter Society \(ISS\)](#)

[Conference](#) in Sophia-Antipolis (Nice Côte-d'Azur),

France on December 22-24, 2006 is organized along the themes of "Innovation, competition and growth:

Schumpeterian perspectives".

Applied Business Research Conference

In Oahu "The Gathering Place"

The [Applied Business Research Conference](#) on the island of Oahu, HI from January 2 to 5, 2007 provides a forum for faculty to present their research on any business, economics, or business-related topic. A Best Paper Award is issued for the best paper in each session.



Contributions of Institutional Economics

Past & Present

The theme of the Association for Evolutionary Economics (AFEE) Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL on January 5-7, 2007 will be "[Contributions of Institutional Economics to Public Policy Debates: Past and Present](#)"

The Indian Econometric Society

42nd Annual Conference

The [42nd Annual Conference of the Indian Econometric Society](#) is scheduled to be held at the Indian Institute of Technology, Mumbai from January 5 to 7, 2007.

Southern Engines of Global Growth

Eighth GDN Conference

The United Nations University - World Institute on Development Economics Research Project on Southern Engines of Global Growth: China, India, Brazil, and South Africa is in tandem with the [Eighth GDN Conference](#) in Beijing, China on January 12-13, 2007.

International Trade & Finance

VIIth Doctoral Meetings

The [VIIth Doctoral Meetings in International Trade and International Finance](#) hosted by the Université de Rennes, France on February 1 and 2, 2007 are organized by the Research in International Economics and Finance network.

Varieties of Capitalist Development

APEBH Conference

The theme of the second Asia-Pacific Economic and Business History (APEBH) conference on February 12-14, 2007 at the University of Sydney, Australia is "[Varieties of Capitalist Development and Corporate Governance](#)". Keynote speaker is Prof. Doug Irwin, an authority on international trade policy history.



Industry Self-Regulation

Institutional Foundations

Harvard Business School (Cambridge, MA) sponsors the [Second Annual Conference on Institutional Foundations for Industry Self-Regulation](#) on February 16 & 17, 2007. The conference convenes scholars researching institutional mechanisms for solving industry-wide problems.

Midwest Finance Association

56th Annual Conference

The Midwest Finance Association holds its [56th Annual Conference](#) from March 21 to 24, 2007 at the Hilton Minneapolis, in Minnesota.

Business History of the Middle East

8th Mediterranean Research Meeting

A workshop on the [Business History of the Middle East](#) is part of the eighth session of the [Mediterranean Research Meeting](#) on March 21 to 25, 2007 in Florence and Montecatini Terme, Italy. For further inquiries on the workshop please write to [Reli Shechter](#).

GEP Postgraduate Conference

Globalization & Economic Policy

The [Sixth Annual Globalisation and Economic Policy \(GEP\) Postgraduate Conference](#) takes place at the University of Nottingham, UK on March 26-27, 2007. Keynote speaker is Professor Daniel Bernhofen, Leverhulme Professor of International Economics.

Opening & Innovation

On Financial Emerging Markets

[Opening and Innovation on Financial Emerging Markets](#) in Beijing, China on March 27 and 28, 2007 is organized by the Center of International Economics and Finance, among others. *Revue Economique* will publish a special issue with a selection of papers from this conference.

International Trade

2nd Otago Workshop

The Department of Economics at the University of Otago (New Zealand) hosts the [2nd Otago Workshop in International Trade](#) on March 30-31, 2007. Keynote speakers are Peter Neary, University of Oxford, and Alan Woodland, University of Sydney.



Business History Sessions

OAH Annual Meeting

The program committee of the Organization of American Historians (OAH) [Annual Meeting](#) in Minneapolis, MN from March 29 to April 1, 2007 is encouraging more business history proposals for sessions. To consult about putting together a session, please write to [Professor Naomi Lamoreaux](#).

Financial Market Research

10th Conference of the SGF

The [10th Conference of the Swiss Society for Financial Market Research \(SGF\)](#) is on March 30, 2007 in Zürich with a pre-conference dinner on March 29.

Economic Leadership in Small Countries

Lessons from the 20th Century Experience

[Economic Leadership in Small Countries: Lessons from the 20th Century Experience](#) in Athens, April 2007 will assess historical, empirical, institutional and theoretical approaches to studying economic leadership in small countries in the 20th century.

Modelling Public Goods and Public Policy

Past, Present and Future Prospects

From April 2 to 5, 2007 the [first Workshop of the European Science Foundation research networking program Public Goods, Public Projects, Externalities](#) is at the International Centre of Mathematical Meetings in Marseille-Luminy, France.

Business/Corporate Culture

PCA/ACA National Conference

For their national conference in Boston, MA April 4-7, 2007, the Popular Culture Association (PCA) and the American Culture Association (ACA) invite papers on [Business Culture / Corporate Culture](#), particularly, works exploring the link between corporate culture and popular culture.

Control Theory & Finance

Workshop

The [Workshop on Mathematical Control Theory and Finance](#) to be held at Instituto Superior de Economia e Gestão, Lisbon (Portugal) from April 10 to 14, 2007 aims to bring together leading researchers on control theory and related fields in mathematical finance, with high level professionals from financial business.

Empirical Models in Social Sciences

3rd IEU International Student Conference

The Organizing Committee of the 3rd IEU International Student Conference in Izmir, Turkey on April 13 and 14, 2007 seeks papers on "[Empirical Models in Social Sciences](#)" from disciplines in social sciences including business administration, economics, logistics, and political economy.

RTS Annual Seminar

Risk Theory and Risk Management

The Risk Theory Society (RTS) holds its [Annual Seminar](#) at the Pennsylvania State University on April 20-22, 2007. Papers distributed to members in advance of the meeting are presented and critically discussed in an extended time format.

EBHS Conference

Promoting Research and Teaching

The [Economic & Business Historical Society \(EBHS\) Conference](#) takes place in Providence, RI April 26 through 28, 2007. Papers read at the meeting may be offered for publication in the society's refereed journal *Essays in Economic and Business History*.

"New Europe"

Economic Forum

The [Third Lancut Economic Forum](#) is on April 27 & 28, 2007 in Rzeszow, Poland. The conference theme is Labor Force and Employment: Patterns and Trends in the "New Europe".

Optimal Monetary Policy

And Central Bank Communication

The Bernoulli Center for Economics and the Swiss Institute for Business Cycle Research (Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich) organize the ["Optimal Monetary Policy and Central Bank Communication"](#) workshop in Ascona, Switzerland from May 15 to 19, 2007.

The Entrepreneurial University

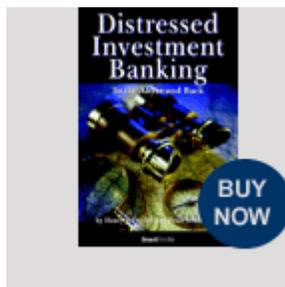
Emerging Models

["Emerging Models for the Entrepreneurial University: Regional Diversities Or Global Convergence"](#) is the conference theme of the International Conference on University, Industry & Government Linkages, in Singapore on May 16-18, 2007.

Entrepreneurship and Mobility

In the Global Economy

["Entrepreneurship and Mobility in the Global Economy"](#) is the theme of the International Trade and Finance Association (IT&FA) 17th International Conference from May 16 to 20, 2007 in Miami, FL. Working papers from IT&FA international conferences are published through Berkeley Press.



13th Conference on Historical Analysis & Research in Marketing

Hosted by John W. Hartman Center

The John W. Hartman Center for Sales, Advertising, and Marketing History is the venue of the [13th Conference on Historical Analysis & Research in Marketing](#) at Duke University, Durham, NC from May 17 to 20, 2007. The deadline for paper submissions is November 15, 2006.

Graduate Students in Economics

3rd National Congress

The [3rd National Congress of Graduate Students in Economics](#), organized by the Instituto de Economia de la Universidad Nacional del Sur, takes place in Bahía Blanca, Argentina on May 23-24, 2007.

Spring Meeting of Young Economists

Not to Exceed 200 Participants

The [XII Spring Meeting of Young Economists](#) convenes from May 25 to 27, 2007, hosted by the University of Hamburg, Department of Economics and Social Science. To maintain a relaxed atmosphere, and to prevent the

anonymity large conferences might suffer from, the number of participants is not to exceed 200.

Globalization and the Choice of Asia

Shanghai Forum

The Shanghai Forum from May 25 to 27, 2007 is an international academic forum hosted by Fudan University, with the theme [Economic Globalization and the Choice of Asia: Innovation, Cooperation and Development](#).

IBERL Conference

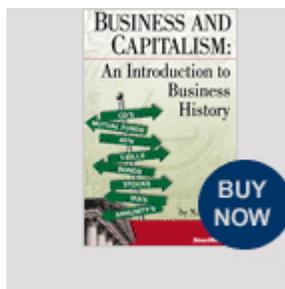
Sponsored by the JAABC

The [International Business & Economics Research Conference, Los Angeles \(IBERL\)](#) from May 28 to 31, 2007 publishes articles of interest to the business community and introduces new concepts. It is sponsored by *The Journal of the American Academy of Business, Cambridge* (JAABC).

Entrepreneurial Communities

BHC Annual Meeting

The [annual meeting of the Business History Conference \(BHC\)](#) takes place May 31 - June 2, 2007 in Cleveland, OH at the Weatherhead School of Management of Case Western Reserve University. The theme for the conference is Entrepreneurial Communities.



Canadian Economics Association

41st Annual Meeting

Professor Aloysius Siow, Department of Economics, University of Toronto is the conference organizer of the [41st Annual Meeting of the Canadian Economics Association](#) at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia from June 1 to 3, 2007.

Economic Pluralism for the 21st Century

ICAPE 2nd International Conference

The International Confederation of Associations for Pluralism in Economics (ICAPE) and the organizers of ["Economic Pluralism for the 21st Century"](#) on June 1-3, 2007 in Salt Lake City, UT invite paper proposals discussing or demonstrating the value of economic pluralism in any of its domains.

IBMR Conference

Sponsored by the JAABC

The [International Business & Management Research Conference, Hawaii \(IBMR\)](#) from June 1 to 4, 2007 publishes articles of interest to the business community

and introduces new concepts. It is sponsored by *The Journal of the American Academy of Business, Cambridge* (JAABC).

Economic & Social Integration

Evolution of the Economy of Integration

The Chair Jean Monnet *Compared Regional Integration* of the University Montesquieu - Bordeaux IV organizes its [Vth International Seminary of Doctoral Students in Economic and Social Integration](#) on June 7 and 8, 2007.

International Finance

5th INFINITI Conference

The Institute for International Integration Studies at Trinity College Dublin holds the [5th INFINITI Conference on International Finance](#) on June 11-12, 2007. Keynote speakers are Professor Martin Gruber (Stern School of Business, NYU) and Professor Raman Uppal (London Business School).



ICBME 2007

3rd International Conference

The [International Conference on Business, Management and Economics \(ICBME\)](#), organized by Yasar University, is going to be held at Altinyunus Congress Center in Cesme, Turkey from June 13 to 17, 2007.

FMITR Conference

Sponsored by the JAABC

The [Financial Management & Information Technology Research Conference, Atlanta \(FMITR\)](#) from June 20 to 23, 2007 sponsored by *The Journal of the American Academy of Business, Cambridge* (JAABC) publishes articles of interest to the business community and introduces new concepts.

Finance & Society in Ethical Perspective

EBEN Research Conference

The University of Bergamo, Faculty of Economics and Business Administration and the Italian chapter of the European Business Ethics Network (EBEN) presents a research conference, [Finance and Society in Ethical Perspective](#), on June 21-22, 2007.

Finance, Economics & Business

African Forum

The [1st African Forum of Finance, Economics, & Business](#) is scheduled for June 21 and 22, 2007 at the Garden City University College in Kumasi, Ghana.

Sustainable Rural Development

IAMO Forum

The Leibniz Institute of Agricultural Development in Central and Eastern Europe (IAMO) Forum from June 27 to 29, 2007 in Halle, Germany provides multidisciplinary discussion on [Sustainable rural development: what is the role of the agri-food sector?](#)

10th CSAA Biennial Conference

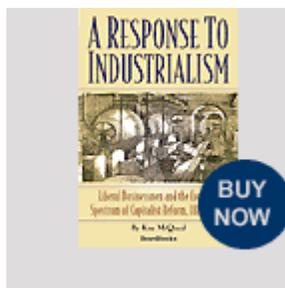
Members and Non-Members to Participate

Griffith University hosts the [10th Biennial Conference of the Chinese Studies Association of Australia \(CSAA\)](#) at Southbank, Brisbane from June 27 to 29, 2007.

Business Links

Trade, Distribution and Networks

The Centre for the History of Retailing and Distribution, with the Association of Business Historians holds [Business Links: Trade, Distribution and Networks](#) on June 29 to 30, 2007 at the University of Wolverhampton, UK.



GBFR Conference

Sponsored by the JAABC

The [Global Business and Finance Research Conference, London \(GBFR\)](#) from July 11 to 14, 2007 sponsored by *The Journal of the American Academy of Business, Cambridge* (JAABC) publishes articles of interest to the business community and introduces new concepts.

Globally Distributed Work

Quest for Business Competitiveness

The [2nd International Conference on Management of Globally Distributed Work](#) at the Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore on July 25-27, 2007 has the theme Globally Distributed Work and the Quest for Business Competitiveness.

Accounting History Int'l Conference

5AHIC

On August 9-11, 2007 the College of Commerce at the University of Saskatchewan and the Accounting &

Finance Association of Australia and New Zealand's Accounting History Special Interest Group sponsor the fifth [Accounting History International Conference \(AHIC\)](#) in Banff, Alberta, Canada.

International Business, International Organizations, and the Wealth of Nations

EBHA 11th Annual Conference

The theme of the 11th Annual Conference of the European Business History Association (EBHA) at the University of Geneva, Switzerland from September 13-15, 2007 is [International Business, International Organizations, and the Wealth of Nations](#).

Global Economic History

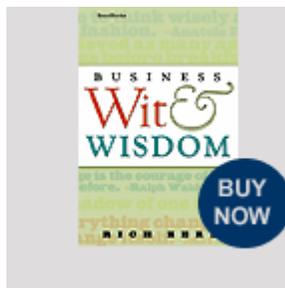
XVth World Economic History Congress

In 2009 the International Economic History Association holds its [XVth World Economic History Congress](#) in Utrecht, The Netherlands from August 3 to 7. The theme of the 2009 Congress is global economic history.

Business Wit & Wisdom

A Collection of Quips and Quotes

Rich Zera (who says "People are more willing to accept your ideas if you tell them Benjamin Franklin said them first") developed [Business Wit & Wisdom](#) from his many speaking opportunities at conferences and conventions to provide an invaluable resource for people from all walks of business and other professions.



The Dow, from 1896 to the Present

Along with Bank Note Engraving Exhibit

The Museum of American Financial History exhibition "[Survival of the Fittest: The Evolution of the Dow Jones Industrial Average](#)" is on display alongside "[Making Money: Bank Note Engraving and the Fight Against Counterfeiting](#)."

Fashion, Retailing and a Bygone Era

Inside WWD

Of the retrospective by former *WWD* editors Isadore Barmash, Edward Gold, Marvin Klapper, Sandy Parker, Sidney Rutberg, Mort Sheinman, and Stanley Siegelman, Bloomingdale's Chairman Michael Gould says, "This book is not only the story of *Women's Wear Daily* but also a wonderful journey through the fashion world."



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