

**APEBH 2010**  
**Asia-Pacific Economic and Business History Conference**  
**(Organised by the Economic History Society of Australia and New Zealand)**  
**17-19 February 2010, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand**

**Main theme: "Financial Crises: Historical Perspectives"**

**CALL FOR PAPERS**

Papers and proposals for sessions are invited for the 2010 APEBH conference. Although the main conference theme is '**Financial Crises: Historical Perspectives**' we also extend a welcome to contributions on any other topics in economic, social, and business history, as well as to proposals for sessions on particular themes.

Researchers across a range of disciplines are warmly welcomed including economists and historians of economic thought, accounting, business, society, and management, as well as archivists. Early career researchers are encouraged to participate. The conference organisers are particularly interested in attracting papers that examine developments within the Asia-Pacific region broadly defined and/or papers that provide an international comparative perspective, but by no means wish to discourage papers on other regions of the world.

The current global financial crisis raises many questions that invite historical comparison. What are the similarities and differences between this and previous financial and economic crises, including the depression of the 1930s and the Asian crisis of the late 1990s? To what extent are financial crises inevitable, or can they be avoided by sound banking practices and economic policy? What could today's policy makers and business leaders learn from previous eras of financial turmoil? How did financial regulation change in response to past episodes of crisis and with what consequences? How do financial crises affect different types of economy and different groups in society? Can we expect to see the revival of Keynesian and other doctrines that rose to popularity in the 1930s? Why are some businesses more vulnerable to the impact of national and international financial crises than others? Do crises lead to opportunities for astute entrepreneurs? Are there historical precedents for a financial crisis caused by the growth of new instruments and new institutions that were not formally included in existing regulatory regimes and, if so, how did regulators respond? These questions could be approached from a number of perspectives, including those of the cliometrician, the economic historian, the economic theorist, the business historian, and the social historian. There is scope for new interpretations as well as syntheses of existing work.

**ALL ABSTRACTS, PROPOSALS FOR SESSIONS, AND PAPERS FOR REFEREEING OR POSTING ON THE CONFERENCE WEBSITE SHOULD BE EMAILED TO THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMME ORGANISERS:**

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Paper abstracts of one page may be submitted at any time up to 30 November 2009. A decision on proposals will be made within a month of submission. Session proposals of one page may be submitted up to the same date, outlining the main objectives of the session.

You are not obliged to submit your full paper for refereeing. However, some universities require staff attending conferences to have their papers refereed, and if this is the case in your institution please submit the full paper by 11 January 2010, earlier if possible.

Any papers sent to us by 12 February 2010 will be posted on the conference website.

A conference paper prize will be awarded. A selection of papers (subject to the normal reviewing process and standards) may be published in the Australian Economic History Review.

Further details about the conference and the Call for Papers can be found at the web page of the Economic History Society of Australia and New Zealand:

<http://www.uow.edu.au/commerce/econ/ehsanz/>