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**EDUCATION**

Ph.D., Cornell University, conferred February 1967. Dissertation: "Key Currencies and the Gold Exchange Standard, 1900-1913."  
Pre-doctoral Guest Scholar, Brookings Institution, 1965-1966.  
A.B., Princeton University, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, 1962.

**TEACHING AND OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE**

Research Professor of Economics, University of California, Davis, 2008-2012.  
Distinguished Professor of Economics, University of California, Davis, 2003 - present.  
Professor of Economics, University of California, Davis, 1977-2003.  
Professor of Economics, University of Wisconsin, 1977-1978.  
Associate Professor of Economics, University of Wisconsin, 1971-1977.  
Visiting Lecturer, University of Essex, Colchester, England, 1969-1970.  
Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Wisconsin, 1966-1971.  
Director, Agricultural History Center, University of California - Davis, July 1987-2007.  
Visiting Professor of Economics, Harvard University, September 1986-January 1987.  
Visiting Faculty Member, Faculty of Economics, Cambridge University, England, January-August 1978.  
Research Associate, National Bureau of Economic Research, since 2002.

**SELECTED PUBLICATIONS**

Research books

*Growing Public: Social Spending and Economic Growth since the Eighteenth Century*. Two volumes (Cambridge University Press, 2004).

- Foreign-language editions: (a) Swedish edition of volume 1: *Välfärdsstatens expansion: Ekonomisk tillväxt och offentlig sektor under 200 År* Stockholm: SNS Förlag, 2005. (b) Italian version published as *Spesa sociale e crescita* by Bocconi University Press, 2007. (c) Spanish version of both volumes to be published by Fondo De Cultura Economica SA.
- Awarded the Allan Sharlin Prize for Best Book in Social Science History 2004; and also the Gyorgy Ranki Prize, Best Book in European Economic History 2003-2004.

*Shifting Ground: The Changing Soils of China and Indonesia* (MIT Press, 2000).

Barry J. Eichengreen and Peter H. Lindert (eds.), *International Debt Crisis in Historical Perspective*, with an "Overview" by the editors (Cambridge: MIT Press, 1990).  
Paperback edition MIT Press, fall 1992.

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Peter H. Lindert, *Fertility and Scarcity in America* (Princeton University Press, 1978).

Peter H. Lindert, *Key Currencies and Gold, 1900-1913* (Princeton University Press, 1969). Princeton Studies in International Finance, No. 24. Reprinted in Robert Z. Aliber (ed.), *International Finance*. Two volumes. Northampton, Massachusetts: Edward Elgar Publishing, 2000.

### Textbooks

Thomas A. Pugel and Peter H. Lindert, *International Economics*, 11th edition. New York: McGraw-Hill, 2000. Chinese-language edition 2001. Spanish-language version by McGraw-Hill Interamericana de Chile Ltda., 2003.

Peter H. Lindert and Thomas A. Pugel, *International Economics*, 10th edition. Burr Ridge, Illinois: Richard D. Irwin, 1996. This and earlier editions have been translated into Bulgarian, Chinese, French, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Russian, and Spanish.

*International Economics*, 9th edition. (Homewood, Illinois: Richard D. Irwin, 1991). (Sole authorship.)

*International Economics*, 8th edition (Homewood, Illinois: Richard D. Irwin, 1986). (Sole authorship.)

Peter H. Lindert and Charles P. Kindleberger, *International Economics*, 7th edition (Homewood, Illinois: Richard D. Irwin, 1982).

Charles P. Kindleberger and Peter H. Lindert, *International Economics*, 6th edition (Homewood, Illinois: Richard D. Irwin, 1978).

*Prices, Jobs and Growth: An Introduction to Macroeconomics* (Boston: Little Brown, 1976).

### Journal Articles

“De bonnes idées en quête de nombres: Répose à Gilles Postel-Vinay et R. Bin Wong.” *Annales -- Histoire, Sciences Sociales* 62, 6 (novembre-décembre 2007): 1417-1423.

Fabrice De Clerck, Michael J. Singer, and Peter Lindert. “A 60-Year History of California Soil Quality Using Paired Samples.” *Geoderma* 114 (2003): 215-230.

“Voice and Growth: Was Churchill Right?” *Journal of Economic History* 63, 2 (June 2003): 315-350.

Philip T. Hoffman, David Jacks, Patricia Levin, and Peter H. Lindert, "Real Inequality in Western Europe since 1500," *Journal of Economic History* 62, 2 (June 2002): 322-355.

"When Did Inequality Rise in Britain and America?" *Journal of Income Distribution* 9 (July 2000): 11-25. I also wrote the introduction to the same special issue of *JID*.

"The Bad Earth? China's Soils and Agricultural Development since the 1930s." *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, 47, 4 (July 1999): pp. 701-736.

"Poor Relief before the Welfare State: Britain versus the Continent, 1780-1880," *European Review of Economic History* 2, Pt. 2 (August 1998): 101-140.

Peter H. Lindert, Joann Lu, and Wu Wanli, "Trends in the Soil Chemistry of South China since the 1930s," *Soil Science* 161, 5 (May 1996): 329-342.

Peter H. Lindert, Joann Lu, and Wu Wanli, "Trends in the Soil Chemistry of North China since the 1930s," *Journal of Environmental Quality*, 25, 4 (Nov.-Dec. 1996): 1168-1178.

"Does Social Spending Deter Economic Growth?" *Challenge*, May-June 1996, pp. 17-23.

"What Limits Social Spending?" *Explorations in Economic History* 33, 1 (January 1996): 1-34.

Gregory Clark, Michael Huberman, and Peter Lindert, "A British Food Puzzle, 1770 - 1850," *Economic History Review* 48, 2 (May 1995): 215-237.

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"Who Owned Victorian England? The Debate over Landed Wealth and Inequality," *Agricultural History* 61, 4 (Fall 1987): 25-51. Winner, Vernon L. Carstenson Prize for best article in that journal in 1987.

"Unequal English Wealth Since 1670," *Journal of Political Economy* 94, 6 (December 1986): 1127-1162.

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“Remodeling British Economic History: A Review Article,” in *Journal of Economic History* 43, 4 (December 1983): 986-992.

“English Living Standards, Population Growth and Wrigley-Schofield,” *Explorations in Economic History* 20, 2 (April 1983): 131-155.

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“An Algorithm for Probate Sampling,” *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, 11, 4 (Spring 1981): 649-668.

“English Occupations, 1670-1811,” *Journal of Economic History* 40, 4 (December 1980): pp. 685-712.

“Sibling Position and Achievement,” *Journal of Human Resources* 12, 2 (Spring 1977): 198-219.

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“Land Scarcity and American Growth,” *Journal of Economic History* 34, 4 (December 1974): 851-884.

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Peter H. Lindert and Jeffrey G. Williamson, “Does Globalization Make the World More Unequal?” in Michael D. Bordo, Alan M. Taylor, and Jeffrey G. Williamson (eds.), *Globalization in Historical Perspective* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press for the NBER, 2003), pp. 227-270. Earlier version: NBER Working Paper 8228 (April 2001).

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Press for the National Bureau of Economic Research, 1988), pp. 225-235. Reprinted in James Foreman-Peck (ed.), *Historical Foundations of Globalization*, Edward Elgar Publishing. The more detailed version, in a separate volume: “How Sovereign Debt Has Worked,” in Jeffrey D. Sachs (ed.), *Developing Country Debt and Economic Performance: The World Financial System* (University of Chicago Press for the National Bureau of Economic Research, 1989), pp. 39-106.

“Comments on ‘Nutrition and the Decline of Mortality since 1700: Some Preliminary Findings’ by Robert Fogel,” in Stanley L. Engerman and Robert Gallman (eds.), *Long-run Factors in American Economic Growth* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press for the National Bureau of Economic Research, 1987).

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Peter H. Lindert, “What’s Happening to the Welfare State?” in Paul Rhode and Gianni Toniolo (eds.), *The Global Economy of the 1990s: A Long-run Perspective* (Cambridge University Press, 2006), pp. 234-262.

Peter H. Lindert, “Economic Inequality and Poverty,” in Susan Carter, Scott Gartner, Michael Haines, Alan Olmstead, Richard Sutch, and Gavin Wright (eds.), *Historical Statistics of the United States*, Millennial Edition (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2006), vol. 3. In that project I also served as an Associate Editor of the chapter on prices.

Philip T. Hoffman, David S. Jacks, Patricia A. Levin, and Peter H. Lindert, “Sketching the Rise of Real Inequality in Early Modern Europe.” In Robert C. Allen, Tommy

Bengtsson, and Martin Dribe (eds.), *Living Standards in the Past: New Perspectives on Well-Being in Asia and Europe*, (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2005), pp. 131-172.

“What Drives Social Spending, 1780-2020,” in Ethan Kapstein and Branko Milanovic (eds.), *When Markets Fail: Social Policy and Economic Development*. New York: Russell Sage Foundation, 2002, pp. 185-214.

“Soil Change and Agriculture in Two Developing Countries,” in Julian Alston, Philip Pardey, and M.J. Taylor (eds.), *Agricultural Science Policy: Changing Global Agendas*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2001, pp. 122-158.

“Three Centuries of Inequality in Britain and America.” In A.B. Atkinson and François Bourguignon (eds.), *Handbook of Income Distribution*, volume 1. Amsterdam: Elsevier Science, 2000, Ch. 3 (pp. 167-216).

Chapter on “U.S. Foreign Trade and Trade Policy in the Twentieth Century” in Stanley L. Engerman and Robert E. Gallman (eds.), *The Cambridge Economic History of the United States, volume III: The Twentieth Century*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2000 (pp. 407-462).

“International Economics and the Historian,” in Thomas Rawski (ed.), *Economics and the Historian*. University of California Press, 1996.

“Unequal Living Standards,” Chapter 14 in Volume I of the second edition of Floud and McCloskey (eds.), *The Economic History of Britain since 1700*. Cambridge University Press, 1994.

“Historical Patterns in Agricultural Policy,” in C. Peter Timmer (ed.), *Agriculture and the State*, Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1991. Pages 23-92. Peter H. Lindert, “Historical Patterns in Agricultural Policy,” in C. Peter Timmer (ed.), *Agriculture and the State*, Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1991. Reprinted in Kym Anderson and Tim Josling (eds.), *The WTO and Agriculture*. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, 2004.

“Toward a Comparative History of Income and Wealth Inequality,” in Y.S. Brenner, H. Kaelble and M. Thomas (eds.) *Income Distribution in Historical Perspective* (Cambridge University Press, 1991).

“Probates, Prices, and Preindustrial Living Standards,” M. Baulant, A.J. Schuurman, and J. Servais (eds.), *Inventaires après-décès et Ventes de Meubles*, Louvain, 1988.

“The Changing Economic Costs and Benefits of Having Children,” in R.A. Bulatao and R.D. Lee (eds.), *Determinants of Fertility in Developing Countries*, (New York: Academic Press for the National Research Council, 1983), Vol. I, pp. 494-516.

“American Fertility Patterns since the Civil War,” in Ronald D. Lee (ed.), *Population Patterns in the Past* (New York: Academic Press, 1977), 229-76.

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“A Century of International Monetary Evolution,” in International Economic History Association, *Fifth International Congress of Economic History* (Moscow, Academy of Sciences, and Paris, Mouton, 1976), Vol. IV, 167-77.

Peter H. Lindert and Keith Trace, “Yardsticks for Victorian Entrepreneurs,” in Donald N. McCloskey (eds), *Essays on a Mature Economy* (London and Princeton: Methuen and Princeton University Press, 1971).

“U.S. Investment,” a chapter in Helen Hughes and You Poh Seng (eds.), *Foreign Investment and Industrialization in Singapore* (University of Wisconsin Press and Australian National University Press, 1969).

Current NBER Working Papers (not yet published)

Branko Milanovic, Peter H. Lindert, and Jeffrey G. Williamson. “Measuring Ancient Inequality.” NBER Working Paper 13550 (October 2007).

Sun Go and Peter H. Lindert. “The Curious Dawn of American Public Schools.” NBER Working Paper 13335 (August 2007).

## REVIEWING AND EDITORIAL FUNCTIONS

Panel Member, National Science Foundation, Economics Program, 1987 and 1988.

Co-editor, *Journal of Economic History*, July 1990 - June 1994.

Associate Editor, *Research in Economic History*, 1987 - 1990.

Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Economic History*, 1979 - 1985.

Editorial Board Member, *Explorations in Economic History*, 1984 - 1990.

Co-editor, Volumes III and IV, *Research in Population Economics*, 1980 - 1982.

Acting Editor, *Explorations in Economic History*, 1971 - 1973.

Referee for National Science Foundation, National Bureau of Economic Research, National Endowment for the Humanities, Research Council of Canada, tenure and promotion decisions at other universities, book publishers, and the following journals: *American Economic Review*; *American Journal of Sociology*; *American Political Science Review*; *Annales*; *Annual Review of Sociology*; *Comparative Studies in Society and History*; *Demography*; *Economic Development and Cultural Change*; *Economic History Review*; *Economic Inquiry*; *Economic Journal*; *Economica*; *Economics & Politics*; *Explorations in Economic History*; *European Review of Economic History*; *International Organization*; *International Studies Quarterly*; *Journal of Development Economics*; *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*; *Journal of Economic History*; *Journal of Financial Intermediation*; *Journal of Finance*; *Journal of Human Resources*; *Journal of Macroeconomics*; *Journal of Money, Credit and Banking*; *Journal of Political Economy*; *Journal of Population Economics*; *Journal of Public Economics*; *Population and Development Review*; *Research in Economic History*; *Review of Income and Wealth*; *Social Biology*; *Sociology and Social Research*; *World Development*.

## HONORS AND AWARDS (those since 1994 only):

Jonathan Hughes Prize for Excellence in Teaching Economic History, awarded by the Economic History Association, 2007.

President of the Economic History Association, 2001-2002.

UC Davis Prize for Undergraduate Teaching and Scholarly Achievement, 1999.

Vice-President of the Economic History Association for 1996-1997.

UC Davis, Academic Senate, Distinguished Teaching Award, 1995.

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Winner, (of the first) Thomas Mayer Award for Distinguished Teaching in Economics, December 1994.

Cliometrics Society "Can" Award, 1992-1993. [It's like an Oscar.]

Entered in Mark Blaug (ed.), *Who's Who in Economics*, 2nd edition, 1987, and 3rd edition, 1999, on the basis of frequency of citation.

*Growing Public* book covered in the following media since 2004:

(a) *Newsweek*, 8 March 2004, p. 37; same column syndicated in the *Washington Post*, *El Mundo* (Madrid), and elsewhere. (b) *The Economist*, 3 April 2004, p. 80. (c) *The New York Times*, 15 April 2004, Page C2, and syndicated. (d) *Corriere della Sera*, 26 April 2004, *Corriere Economia*, p. 10. (e) Reviewed in the *New Republic*, 3 May 2004, pp. 26, 34. (f) Cited in the international edition of *Newsweek*, 3 May 2004, p. 39. (g) *South China Morning Post*, 6 May 2004. (h) Feature article, *Challenge Magazine*, July-August 2004, pp. 6-16. (i) Cited *AARP Magazine*, September-October 2004, p. 52. (j) "Wachsen tun sie alle," in *Brand Eins*, 2004, no. 8 (September). (k) "Robin Hood à avessas" [Robin Hood in Reverse], in *Veja* magazine [Brazilian news magazine], 13 October 2004. (l) Jeff Madrick, "The Producers" [a review of *Growing Public* and two other books], *New York Review of Books* 52, 4, March 10, 2005. (m) Gianni Toniolo, "Il welfare é morto, viva il welfare." *Il Sole 24 Ore*, 27 February 2005. (n) October 3-4 -- Interview for an article to appear in *Tages-Anzeiger* (Switzerland). (o) 28 October 2005 -- Speech to the Maine Coalition for Excellence in Education, based on the book. (p) Article in *Bovespa* (Brazil), Outubro-Dezembro 2005. (q) Walter Niederberger, article in *Tages-Anzeiger* (Switzerland), 9 January 2006. (r) Frédéric Blassel, "Le social n'est pas l'ennemi de la croissance. Au contraire." *Bilan* (Switzerland), No. 198, January-February 2006. (s) Sebastian Mallaby, "Matching Free Trade With Taxes." *Washington Post*, Monday, February 19, 2007; Page A19. (t) Luca Paolazzi, "L'Italia impari da Copenhagen -- Combattere la corruzione e togliere le protexioni corporative che riducono il Pil." *Il Sole 24 Ore* (Italy) 9 March 2007, p. 17. (u) Fabio Ranchetti, "Sorpresa: il 'tassa e spendi' crea benessere. A un patto Lindert smonta un luogo comune: non è vero che sui tempi lunghi la spesa sociale crea inefficienze al mercato." *Corriere Della Sera* 12 March 2007, p. 11.

The same *Growing Public* (2004) is the featured subject of the following conferences: (a) Testimony to the Danish Welfare Commission, 3 November 2004. (b) Budget policy workshop, Quebec Ministry of Finance and Cirano, Quebec City, 3 December 2004. (c) Workshop on "Tax Burden and Development," IMF Institute Internal Economics Training Seminar, Washington, 1 July 2005. (d) Conference on the book at Ferdinand Braudel Institute in Sao Paulo, 25 August 2005. (e) Conference on the book in Stockholm, highlighting the arrival of the Swedish-language edition, 21 September 2005. (f) Korea Institute for Health and Social Affairs (KIHASA), Symposium on "Social Spending and Economic Growth." (g) Schweizerische Vereinigung für Sozialpolitik (SVSP), special address on "Welfare State and Economic Efficiency," Bern, Switzerland, 28 August 2006; (h) National Academy for Social Insurance, Family Well-Being, Public Policy, and Economic Growth: Lessons from History and Insights for the Future," Washington DC 19 September 2006. (i) Conference on State and Market in a Globalized World, Heidelberg Center for American Studies, October 2006. (j) Legacoop conference on social spending, Bologna, 27 February 2007. (k) Jerusalem Van Leer Institute conference on social policy, December 2007. (l) Social Policy Conference, Singapore May 2008.

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Sir John Hicks Lecture, Oxford, 13 May 2005.

Two book prizes for *Growing Public*: (1) The 2005 Allan Sharlin Prize, for the Best Book in Social Science History in 2004, awarded by the Social Science History Association; and (2) the Gyorgy Ranki Prize for the Best Book in European Economic History 2003 and 2004 (for *Growing Public*; prize shared with Robert C. Allen's *Farm to Factory* (Princeton, 2003), awarded by the Economic History Association.