THE SOCIOLOGY DEPARTMENT COLLOQUIUM PRESENTS:

Trade and Nation: How Companies and Politics Reshaped Economic Thought

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In the seventeenth century, English economic theory suddenly lost interest in the moral status of exchange and became increasingly concerned with the economic roots of national prosperity. Several methods indicate two factors were central to this change: the marginal political power of English merchants coupled with the rise of the company form. The increasing influence and power of the companies amplified the arguments and controversies of the merchants, while their distance from the halls of government led them to make those arguments in a public setting. This new moral framework of growth, prosperity, and the wealth of nations evolved over time into the roots of classical economic theory.

In-person attendance is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please email Meredith Clason at mclason@uchicago.edu if you would like to attend in SSRB 305.