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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, 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.

Visiting Faculty Member, Faculty of Economics, Cambridge University, England, January-August 1978.

Director, Agricultural History Center, University of California - Davis, July 1987-2007.

Visiting Professor of Economics, Harvard University, September 1986-January 1987.

Research Associate, National Bureau of Economic Research, since 2002.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Research books

Making Social Spending Work. Cambridge University Press, 2021.

Peter H. Lindert and Jeffrey G. Williamson. 2016. *Unequal Gains: American Growth and Inequality since 1700*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2016.

Jan Bakija, Lane Kenworthy, Peter Lindert, and Jeffrey Madrick, 2016. *How Big Should Our Government Be?* Berkeley: University of California Press.

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 = *Spesa sociale e crescita* by Bocconi University Press, 2007. (c) Spanish version of both volumes = *El ascenso del sector público: El crecimiento económica y el*

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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).
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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

Vincent Geloso and Peter H. Lindert. "Relative Costs of Living, for Richer and Poorer, 1688-1914." *Cliometrica* 2020, 14, 3 (September): 417-442.

"The Welfare State: Achievements and Threats." 2019. In *Cambridge Elements: Public Economics*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

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Peter H. Lindert and Jeffrey G. Williamson. 2016 "American Colonial Incomes, 1650-1774". *Economic History Review* 69, 1 (February): 54-77.

Peter H. Lindert. "Faire fructifier *Le capital au XXIe siècle*". *Annales HSS*, janvier-mars 2015, n° 1, p. 21-34.

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

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Peter H. Lindert and Peter J. Morton, "How Sovereign Debt Has Worked," in Jeffrey D. Sachs (ed.) *Developing Country Debt and the World Economy* (University of Chicago 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).

Jeffrey G. Williamson and Peter H. Lindert, "Long-Run Trends in American Wealth Inequality," in James D. Smith (ed.), *The Distribution and Intergenerational Transmission of Wealth*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press for the National Bureau of Economic Research, 1980, pp. 9-93.

1980. "Child Costs and Economic Development," in Richard A. Easterlin (ed.), *Population and Economic Change in Developing Countries*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press for the National Bureau of Economic Research, 1980, pp. 5-80.

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Latika Chaudhary and Peter H. Lindert. Forthcoming. "Healthy, Literate, and Smart: The Global Increase in Human Capital since 1870." *Cambridge Economic History of the Modern World, Volume 2: 1870-2010*. Cambridge University Press.

Leticia Arroyo Abad and Peter H. Lindert. 2017. "Fiscal Redistribution in Latin America since the Nineteenth Century". In Luis Bértola and Jeffrey G. Williamson (eds.), *Has Latin American Inequality Changed Direction? Looking over the Long Run*, pp. 243-282. Under auspices of INTAL and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB). Edición español: *La fractura - Pasado y presente de la búsqueda de equidad social en América Latina*. IDB.

"Postwar Fiscal Traps." 2017. In Buggeln, Marc, Martin Daunton, and Alexander Nützenadel (eds.), *The Political Economy of Public Finance Taxation: State Spending and Debt since the 1970s*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

"Are Government Social Programs Bad for Economic Growth?" 2016. In Jan Bakija, Lane Kenworthy, Peter Lindert, and Jeffrey Madrick, *How Big Should Our Government Be?* Berkeley: University of California Press.

“Private Welfare and the Welfare State”. In Larry Neal and Jeffrey G. Williamson (eds.), *The Cambridge History of Capitalism: Volume 2: The Spread of Capitalism*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2014, Chapter 14, pp. 464-500.

“Welfare States, Markets, and Efficiency: Some Borders Drawn by History” In Wilfried Mausbach (ed.), *State and Market in a Globalized World: Transatlantic Perspectives*. Heidelberg: Universitätsverlag Winter, 2009.

“Will the Welfare State Ever Leave Europe?” in Peter Townsend (ed.), *Social Security: Building Decent Societies*. Geneva: ILO and Palgrave Macmillan, 2009. Editions in English, French, and Spanish.

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“The Welfare State and Euro-Growth.” In Barry Eichengreen, Michael Landesmann, and Dieter Stiefel (eds.), *The European Economy in an American Mirror*. London: Routledge 2007, pp. 365-385.

“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.

“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. 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.

“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).

HONORS AND AWARDS (those since 1993 only):

The Jeffrey Sachs Book Club featured a 46-minute interview between Sachs and Lindert on *Making Social Spending Work*, April 2022.

Co-recipient (with Jeffrey G. Williamson), the Economic History Association's biennial Gallman-Parker Prize for Lifetime Contribution to Data Set Creation, September 2019. The Economic History Association created and funded The Lindert-Williamson Prize for an outstanding book in global, African, Asian, Australian, and/or South American economic history, 2019.

Also in 2019, membership in the new Society of Fellows of the Economic History Association. 5th Angus Maddison Development Lecture, OECD, Paris, 3 October 2017.

Keynote Lecture, Society for the Study of Economic Inequality (ECINEQ), New York, 2017.

Several other keynote lectures since 2010.

Elected Fellow, Cliometric Society, 2014.

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

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*), awarded by the Economic History Association.

Sir John Hicks Lecture, Oxford, 13 May 2005.

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.

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

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