

XXIX Encontro da APHES
Special international session: “Inequality, conflict and redistribution”
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Researchers in Economics and Economic History are paying increasing attention to inequality, as a crucial explanatory factor of the process of economic growth and development. Unlike traditional perspectives, which used to consider inequality as a positive factor for economic growth, recent research has identified several channels through which inequality may act as a negative growth and development factor, such as social conflict or a low rate of capital formation. This session is devoted to the analysis of several aspects of inequality in historical contexts, such as the influence of growth and structural transformation on the evolution of inequality in settler economies (Willebald), its consequences in term of social conflict in Spain (Domènech) and the determinants of redistributive policies in a sample of countries (Elu and Espuelas).