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Founding Choices: American Economic Policy in the 1790s
Pre-conference

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PROGRAM

THURSDAY, JULY 10:

- 2:00 pm Introduction and Overview:
DOUGLAS IRWIN, Dartmouth College and NBER
RICHARD SYLLA, New York University and NBER
- 2:15 pm JACK RAKOVE and BARRY WEINGAST, Stanford University
Political and Economic Consequences of the 1787 Constitution
- 2:45 pm RICHARD SYLLA, New York University and NBER
*Financial Foundations: Debt Management, the National Bank, and the
Emergence of Securities Markets*
- 3:15 pm Break
- 3:30 pm DOUGLAS IRWIN, Dartmouth College and NBER
Revenue or Reciprocity? Founding Feuds over Early U.S. Trade Policy
- 4:00 pm PETER ROUSSEAU, Vanderbilt University and NBER
Monetary Policy and the Dollar
- 4:30 pm FARLEY GRUBB, University of Delaware and NBER
Land Policy
- 5:00 pm Adjourn
- 6:00 pm Group Dinner – Legal Sea Foods at the Charles Hotel in Harvard Sq.

FRIDAY, JULY 11:

- 8:30 am Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 am ZORINA KHAN, Bowdoin College and NBER
Founding Choices: Innovation and Intellectual Property Protection
- 9:30 am JOHN WALLIS, University of Maryland and NBER

Federalism and the Roles of Governments

- 10:00 am HOWARD BODENHORN, Lafayette College and NBER
State-Chartered Banks and the Banking System
- 10:30 am Break
- 10:45 am ROBERT E. WRIGHT, New York University
Rise of the Corporation Nation
- 11:15 am STANLEY ENGERMAN, University of Rochester and NBER
Free Labor and Slave Labor
- 11:45 am DOUGLAS IRWIN, Dartmouth College and NBER
RICHARD SYLLA, New York University and NBER
Path Dependence? Policy Trends after 1800
- 12:15 pm Lunch and Adjourn

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