

## Ancient Economies

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**Location:** Kellogg Global Hub, Room 3301

### Conference Program and Schedule

8:15-8:45	Light breakfast and coffee
8:45-9:00	Opening remarks
9:00-10:00	<b>Taco Terpstra (Northwestern)</b> , “Rome and the Rise of the West”
10:00-11:00	<b>Ian Morris (Stanford)</b> , “The Geoeconomics of the Greek Miracle”
11:00-11:30	Coffee break
11:30-12:30	<b>Joe Manning (Yale)</b> , “Bringing Egypt, the Nile and Climate into the ‘Ancient Economy’ ”
12:30-1:30	Lunch
1:30-2:30	<b>Richard Saller (Stanford)</b> , “Some Demographic Context for Roman Institutional Economics”
2:30-3:30	<b>Kyle Harper (Oklahoma)</b> , “The Decline and Fall of the Ancient Economy”
3:30-4:00	Coffee break

- 4:00-5:00     **Michael McCormick (Harvard)**, “Recent and Future Scientific Work / Reaction to Papers / General Discussion”
- 5:00-5:15     Closing remarks
- 6:30            **Dinner** (speakers and invited faculty)