The conference welcomes three keynote speakers:

**Franck Portier**

He is a Professor of Economics at University College London and a Professor of Economics at Toulouse School of Economics (on unpaid leave). He is also a senior member of the Institut Universitaire de France (IUF), a research fellow at CEPR, a former Editor of *Annals of Economics and Statistics*, and a former Deputy-President of the University Toulouse I.

His paper entitled: "Putting the cycle back into business cycle analysis"

**Michèle Tertilt**

She is a Professor of Economics at the University of Mannheim, and a former Assistant Professor at Stanford University. She is currently an editorial board member of the *Review of Economic Studies*. Furthermore, she is an Associate Editor of the *Journal of Development Economics*. She is also a Research Affiliate at BREAD and the European Development Research Network (EUDN) and a Research Fellow at CEPR and CESifo.

Her paper entitled: "Female empowerment and development"
Romain Wacziarg

He is a Professor of Economics at UCLA Anderson School of Management where he holds the Hans Hufschmid Chair in Management. He obtained his PhD at Harvard University and he is a former Associate Professor at Stanford University. He is also a Research Associate of the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER), an associate Editor of the *Journal of Economic Growth* and of the *World Bank Economic Review*, and a former member of the board of Editors of the *American Economic Review*.

His paper entitled: "*Change and persistence in the age of modernization: St Germain d'Anxure 1730-1895*"