Topics in European Economic History

Economics 210B is being taught this fall by Barry Eichengreen in collaboration with Professor Marc Flandreau, who is visiting the Department of Economics and Institute for European Studies from Sciences Po and OFCE in Paris. Professor Eichengreen’s office hours in Evans 605 are Wednesday 1-3. Professor Flandreau’s office hours in Evans 607 are Tuesday 10-12. Appointments can be made in advance by contacting sibani michael bose at smbose@econ.berkeley.edu.

This course is for graduate students who have taken Economics 210A (“Introduction to Economic History”). It is devoted to a critical analysis of topics in European economic history that have been the subject of recent controversy and debate. Course requirements are three. First, attending course meetings and contributing actively to the discussion. Second, leading the discussion of a week’s topic, introducing the readings, and offering a critical appraisal of the material. Third, completing in a term paper, on a topic previously agreed to with the instructors, due during exam week.

August 25. Introductory Meeting

September 1. University Holiday

September 8. British Industrialization


September 15. France vs. Britain


September 22. Why Did the UK Defeat Napoleon: Institutions vs. Technology?


September 29. Bimetallism


**October 6. 19th Century Monetary Unions: National and International**

[Monday is religious holiday; day of meeting will have to be changed]


**October 13. 19th Century International Capital Flows**


**October 20. States, Capital Markets, Late Emergers, and Globalization**


**October 27. A National Socialist Economic Recovery?**


**November 3. The 1931 Financial Crisis: Three Views**


Gianni Toniolo (2003), chapter 5 in *The History of the BIS*, unpublished manuscript, BIS.

**November 10. Financial Fragility and Deflation**


November 17. The Marshall Plan


November 24. Post-World War II Economic Growth


December 1. From Low Unemployment to High Unemployment
