

Economics 210B: Topics in European Economic History

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Monday 12-2 p.m.
202 Wheeler Hall

This course introduces students to recent literature and controversies in European economic history. It is organized around a set of important recent books, one of which will be discussed each week, along with critical readings. Readings not available online are on reserve in 208 Doe Library, Graduate Services Reserves.

Course requirements: active participation in class discussion, lead one week's discussion, and a research paper (due on May 11th).

January 23: Introductory meeting

January 30: Eichengreen

Gregory Clark, *A Farewell to Alms: A Brief Economic History of the World* (Princeton University Press, 2007). On reserve at Graduate Services, Doe Library

Additional reading: Robert Allen, "A Review of Gregory Clark's *A Farewell to Alms*," *Journal of Economic Literature* 46: (2008), pp. 946-973. <http://www.jstor.org/stable/27647086>

February 6: No meeting

February 13: Ben-Hamou

Sheilagh Ogilvie, *Institutions and European Trade: Merchant Guilds 1000-1800* (Cambridge University Press, 2011). On reserve at Graduate Services, Doe Library

Additional reading: Gary Richardson, "Craft Guilds and Christianity in Late-Medieval England," *Rationality and Society* 17, pp. 139-189. <http://rss.sagepub.com/content/17/2/139.full.pdf+html>

February 20: No meeting--President's Day Holiday

February 27: Conces

Jan deVries, *The Industrious Revolution: Consumer Behavior and the Household Economy, 1650 to the Present* (Cambridge University Press, 2008). On reserve at Graduate Services, Doe Library

Additional reading: Hans-Joachim Voth, *Time and Work in England 1750-1830*, Chapter 3, "Patterns of Time Use," pp. 59-160. (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 2000). On reserve at Graduate Services, Doe Library

Additional reading: Gregory Clark and Ysbrand van Der Werf. "Work in Progress? The Industrious Revolution." *Journal of Economic History* 58 (1998), pp. 830-843.
<http://www.jstor.org/stable/pdfplus/2566627.pdf?acceptTC=true>

March 5: Eichengreen

Robert Allen, *The British Industrial Revolution in Global Perspective* (Cambridge University Press, 2009). On reserve at Graduate Services, Doe Library

Additional reading: E.A. Wrigley, *Energy and the English Industrial Revolution* (Cambridge University Press, 2010), chapters 1-2. On reserve at Graduate Services, Doe Library

March 12: Karaja

Jean-Laurent Rosenthal and Bin Wong, *Before and Beyond Divergence: The Politics of Economic Change in China and Europe* (Harvard University Press, 2011). On reserve at Graduate Services, Doe Library

Additional reading: Avner Greif and Guido Tabellini, "Cultural and Institutional Bifurcation: China and Europe Compared," *American Economic Association Papers and Proceedings* (2010), pp. 135-140. <http://www.aeaweb.org/aea/conference/program/retrieve.php?pdfid=273>

March 19: No meeting

April 2: Barthelme

Caroline Fohlin, *Finance Capitalism and Germany's Rise to Industrial Power* (Cambridge University Press, 2007). On reserve at Graduate Services, Doe Library

Additional reading: Alexander Gerschenkron, "Economic Backwardness in Historical Perspective," in Gerschenkron, *Economic Backwardness in Historical Perspective* (Harvard University Press, 1962), chapter 1, pp. 5-30. <http://isites.harvard.edu/fs/docs/icb.topic572311.files/Mon%2022%20June%20-%201/Gerschenkron.pdf> Also on reserve at Graduate Services, Doe Library

April 9: Hausman

Robert Allen, *Farm to Factory: A Reinterpretation of the Soviet Industrial Revolution* (Princeton University Press, 2003). On reserve at Graduate Services, Doe Library

Additional reading: Mark Harrison, "The Soviet Union After 1945: Economic Recovery and Political Repression," *Past and Present* no. 210 suppl. 6 (2011), pp. 103-120. http://past.oxfordjournals.org/content/210/suppl_6/103.full.pdf+html

April 16: Galle

Barry Eichengreen, *The European Economy Since 1945* (Princeton University Press, 2007). On reserve at Graduate Services, Doe Library

April 23: Coelho

John Gillingham, *European Integration, 1950-2003: Superstate or New Market Economy* (Cambridge University Press, 2003). On reserve at Graduate Services, Doe Library

Additional reading: Paul Pierson, "The Path to European Integration: A Historical Institutional Analysis," *Comparative Political Studies* 29:2 (1996), pp. 123-163. <http://cps.sagepub.com/content/29/2/123.full.pdf+html>