

Syllabus

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Course: Development and History

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PROGRAM

The course assesses the causes of economic development, conversion and diversion in the last two hundred years. It reviews the literature on major drivers of growth and inequality: institutions, finance, geography, trade, demography, knowledge and war. The course also addresses some noteworthy cases: 19th century UK, USA in the turn of the 20th century, USSR, post-war Europe, Latin America and East Asia.

The teacher will present the cases in lectures and the students will discuss the topics in seminars. Every student will give at least one presentation and write an essay on one of the seminar questions. Students are also required to hand in notes of at least one paper every seminar. Students will hand in a second essay on specific cases at the end of the course.

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GRADING

First Essay	20%
Presentation	20%
Notes	20%
Second Essay	40%

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	Topic	Bibliography
L1	Introduction	Pritchett (1997)
L2	Britain's industrial revolution	Allen (2011), Crafts (1995a)
S1	Institutions: states and the rules of the game	North and Weingast (1989), North (1991), Haggard (2011), Acemoglu & Robinson (2010)
L3	USA forging ahead	Gerben et al. (2015), Goldin and Katz (2009, chap. 9)
S2	Finance: crises and institutions	Calomiris & Taylor (2014) chaps. 1-3., Haber (2008), Summerhill (2015) chaps. 6, 7, Schularick & Taylor (2012)
L4	The rise and fall of the USSR	Allen (2001)
S3	Geography and factor endowment	Acemoglu <i>et al.</i> (2002), Wrigley (2013), Engerman & Sokoloff (2002), Frankema (2010)
L5	Europe's golden age	Crafts (1995b)
S4	Trade, globalisation and protectionism	Lindert & Williamson (2003), Schularick & Solomou (2011), O'Rourke & Williamson (2005), Coatsworth (2004), Crafts (2004)
L6	Latin America falling behind	Taylor (1998), Bértola and Ocampo (2014), chap. 1
S5	Knowledge and technology	Mokyr (1990), chaps. 7, 11, Wright (1999), Goldin & Katz (2009, chaps. 1-3)
L7	East Asia catching up	Lin (2014), Rodrik (1994)
S6	Demography and migration	Dyson (2010), chaps. 2, 7, Soares & Falcão (2008), Reher (2004), Hatton & Williamson (2008), chaps. 1-6.
L8	War	O'Brien (2001), Ruttan (2006), Hoffman (2011), Findlay & O'Rourke (2011), chap. 7.