

Economics 420-2

Problems in the Economic history of Europe in the Twentieth century.

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Notes: Items marked J** are downloadable from J-stor. Items marked E** are downloadable from EXAC. All items are still included in course CD

Reading List:

1. ***Week I: Technology and Long-term growth 1890-1989***

- a. Mokyr, "2nd Industrial Revolution".
- b. Benn Steil, David Victor and Richard Nelson, eds., *Technological Innovation and Economic Performance* (2002), "Introduction and Overview" and "Innovation in Historical Perspective," pp. 3-46.
- c. Richard R. Nelson, ed., *National Innovation Systems* chs. 4, 6

2. ***Week II: Population and Demographic Change***

- a. J**Jean Bourgeois-Pichat, "Demographic Change in Western Europe," *Population and Development Review* Vol. 7 (March 1981), pp. 19-49; Jean Bourgeois-Pichat, "The Unprecedented Shortage of Births in Europe," *Population and Development Review* Vol. 12 (Supp. 1986), pp. 3-25.
- b. Robert E. Lucas, *Lectures on Economic growth* 2002, chapter 5, pp. 109-122, 144-175.
- c. Massimo Livi-Bacci, *The Population of Europe* (2000), chs 6-7.
- d. Michael Anderson, "British Population History," in Michael Anderson, ed., *British Population History* (1996), ch. 6.

3. ***Week III: The Causes and Effects of the Great Wars***

- a. Barry Eichengreen, *Golden Fetters: The Gold Standard and the Great Depression* (1992), ch. 2-4.
- b. C. Feinstein, P. Temin, and Gianni Toniolo, *European Economy between the Wars* (1997), ch. 2.
- c. Mark Harrison, ed., *The Economics of World War II* chapters 1,2.

4. ***Week IV: Rise and Fall and Rise of European Economic Integration***

- a. Larry Neal and Daniel Barbezat, *The Economics of the European Union and the Economies of Europe*, chs 1-8, pp. 3-188.
- b. Harold James, *The End of Globalization* (2001), ch. 3.

5. ***Week V: Depressions and Booms***

- a. Feinstein, Temin, and Toniolo, *European Economy between the Wars*, chs. 3-8.
- b. Harold James, *The End of Globalization* (2001), ch. 2.
- c. Barry Eichengreen, *Golden Fetters: The Gold Standard and the Great Depression* (1992), chs 8-9.
- d. Harold Cole and Lee Ohanian, "The Great UK Depression," *Review of Economic Dynamics*, 2002, downloadable from Northwestern library through *Science Direct*.
- e. Timothy J. Hatton and Roy Bailey, "Unemployment Incidence in Interwar London," Unpublished.
- f. Daniel K. Benjamin and Levis Kochin, "Searching for an Explanation of Unemployment in Interwar Britain," *JPE* June 1979, pp. 441-78 and "Unemployment and Unemployment Benefits in Twentieth-Century Britain: A Reply to Our Critics," *JPE* April 1982, pp. 410-36.

6. ***Week VI: Macro management, the Welfare State and the Rise of the Mixed Economy***

- a. Gerold Ambrosius and William H. Hubbard, *A Social and Economic History of Twentieth-century Europe* (1989), pp. 83-134, 242-284.
- b. Lindert, Peter H, "The Rise of Social Spending, 1880-1930." *Explorations in Economic History*. January 1994; 31(1): 1-37; Id., "What Limits Social Spending?" *Explorations in Economic History*. January 1996; 33(1): 1-34.
- c. Peter H. Lindert, *Growing Public: Social Spending and Economic Growth Since the Eighteenth century*, chs. 5,6,7, 10.

7. ***Week VII: Industrial Organization, Capitalism, and Control in the West***

- a. Alfred Chandler, Franco Amatori and Takashi Hikino, eds., *Big Business and the Wealth of Nations*, ch. 4-9.

- b. Alfred Chandler, *Scale and Scope: The Dynamics of Industrial Capitalism*, Parts II, III, esp. on Britain: pp. 235-68, 284-294, 295-304, 332-336, 337-340, 356-366, 378-392; on Germany pp. 393-429; 456-502;503-13; 550-592.
- c. Richard Langlois, "The Vanishing Hand: the Changing Dynamics of Industrial Capitalism," *Industrial and Corporate Change* Vol. 12 No. 2: 351-85.

8. ***Week VIII: The Collectivist Experiments***

- a. J** Gur Ofer, "Soviet Economic Growth: 1928-1985," *Journal of Economic Literature*, Vol. 25, No. 4. (Dec., 1987), pp. 1767-1833.
- b. Robert C. Allen, *Farm to Factory: A Reinterpretation of the Soviet Industrial Revolution*, pp. 1-46;65-87;91-171.
- c. Paul Gregory, *Before Command*, Chapters 5-7. Id. "Collectivization, accumulation, and power," (chapter from unpub. book).
- d. Mark Harrison, ed., *The Economics of World War II* ch. 7.

9. ***Week IX: Fascism and Totalitarianism in Economic Perspective***

- a. J** Peter Temin, "Soviet and Nazi Economic Planning in the 1930s," *Economic History Review* vol. 44, 1991, 573-93.
- b. Richard J. Overy, *The Nazi Economic Recovery, 1932-38*. 2nd ed., 1996.
- c. J** Cohen, Jon S. "Was Italian Fascism a Developmental Dictatorship?" *Economic History Review* Vol. 44, (1988)
- d. Vera Zamagni, *The Economic history of Italy 1860-1990*, chs. 8-10.
- e. Mark Harrison, ed., *The Economics of World War II* ch. 4.

10. ***Week X: Economic Growth after 1945***

- a. Nicholas Crafts, "The Golden Age of Economic growth in Western Europe, 1950-1973," *Economic History Review* 1995: 429-447.
- b. Peter Temin, "The Golden Age of European Growth Reconsidered," *European Review of Economic History* April 2002; 6(1): 3-22.
- c. Allen, *Farm to Factory*, pp. 189-211.
- d. E** S.N. Broadberry and N.F.R. Crafts, "British Economic Policy and Industrial Performance in the Early Post-War Period." *Business History* Vol. 38 (1996), pp.

65-91 and id., "Competition and Innovation in 1950s Britain" *Business History* Vol. 43, (Jan. 2001), pp. 1-19.

- e. Nicholas Crafts and Mary O'Mahony, "A Perspective on UK productivity Performance." *Fiscal Studies*, Sept. 2001, pp. 271-306.