ECON 4514-001: Economic History of Europe
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Course Description

This course draws on economic reasoning to examine the transformation of European economies from a circumstance in which Malthusian population pressure on resources was the dominant historical force to one in which growth of income per-capita has become the norm. This transformation, covering the period from roughly 1200-1900, marks one of history’s great changes. This course aims to provide both historical perspective and experience in the application of economic analysis to major issues. The topics of the course divide into three chronological and topical sections. The first examines the preconditions of European economic development, paying particular attention to the demographic, technological, and institutional changes that supported growth through the centuries before industrialization. The second section focuses on the period of the Industrial Revolution in England and Europe and pays particular attention to answering the questions of why this revolution occurred in Britain and not elsewhere. The third section examines the establishment, or not, of modern economic growth in other European economies following the British Industrial Revolution and explores growth and development as it continued in Europe during the 19th and 20th centuries. It brings us back to the central question we started the course with, “Why are some countries so rich, while others remain poor?”

Texts – CU Bookstore, Amazon, Chegg, Coursesmart, etc.

- Robert C. Allen, The British Industrial Revolution in Global Perspective. (Cambridge University Press, 2009). [Referred to below as Allen – do not confuse with articles by Allen which will be followed by a title rather than a chapter number]
- Several articles and chapters located on D2L or through Norlin Library
Accessing Course Web Site and Electronic Copies of Readings

This syllabus and any announcements or updates to the course may all be found on the course web site. Go to https://learn.colorado.edu. At this page you will need to enter your CU IdentiKey and password to access D2L course web site information. All of the reading material not found in your main textbooks can be accessed through this site. You may also look for articles using the library’s journal finder, http://ucblibraries.colorado.edu/research/ejournalfinder.htm. Type in the name of the journal you are seeking, then select volume number etc. You do not have to pay to see the article if you are viewing from on-campus, though you will have to pay in the labs to print. Alternatively – save it to a jump drive. If you connect from off-campus, you will need a VPN connection (http://oit.colorado.edu/vpn).

Requirements and Evaluation

This course will be a combination of lecture material and in-class discussion. Students are expected to have done the specified readings before class and will be called upon to answer questions or to discuss points raised during the class. You are responsible for all the material on the reading list. Your grade will have the following components:

- Four single essay take-home Exams during the semester and a final exam of two take-home essays (10% each essay – 60% of total grade)
- Random attendance and general discussion participation (5%)
- Group presentation and write up (10%)
- Jigsaw assignments (in class and on-line) (10%)
- Special Collections paper (15%)

Final Grades issued as follows based on the weights above: 93-100 A, 90-92 A-, 87-89 B+, 83-86 B, 80-82 B-, etc. Final grades do not include the A+ designation, as it is not recognized by the University. As each assignment is graded, your grades will be posted to D2L. Please check your grades on D2L as the term progresses to keep a current idea of where your grade stands in the class.

Examinations: There will be five take-home essay exams. Please see due dates in the Readings and Assignments schedule attached to this syllabus. Further instructions will be given when exam questions are posted seven days before each exam is due. Grading rubrics for the essay exams will be posted on D2L.

In-Class Activities and Attendance: I will take attendance on a fairly random basis, though this is especially likely when students are giving group presentations or doing the “Jigsaw Assignments” mentioned below. (Please see Attendance and Policy on Late Assignments above.)

Group Presentation: You will each be assigned to a group of three or four students that will be responsible for a 20-minute presentation of a journal article from the reading list. This presentation will be followed by questions on your article from the class and from Professor Jobin. Complete instructions and a grading rubric for the presentations are posted on D2L. Sign up for groups occurs during the first two weeks of class and you will be given some choice over
which group presentation you sign up for. Look for days marked “Group Presentation” in the
schedule of Readings and Assignments below. You will also need to turn in a short write-up of
who contributed what to your presentation and include a bibliography of sources consulted
which should go beyond the article being presented.

**Jigsaw Assignments:** Over the term there will be several “Jigsaw” assignments (see Readings
and Assignments schedule attached below). On these days, students will be divided into
sections, each reading something different for homework before the class meets. The written
portion of the Jigsaw will either entail answering a question or two on D2L or completing a
question with a group in class concerning the reading. In class you will need to be prepared to
describe the article you read to those who did not read it, and to analyze the most important
issues in the article. By the end of class, through discussion with your fellow students, you
should have all the pieces of information necessary to answer a question about the larger issue
all articles address – thus the name “Jigsaw.” Instructions for these assignments are posted on
D2L as they appear during the semester.

**Norlin Special Collections Assignment:** On Monday September 12th and Wednesday
September 14th we will meet in Norlin Library. The class will divide in half with each half going
to either Special Collections (Room N345) or Gov. Info. (E3303). We will see items held in
special collections and Gov. Info. that pertain to the subject of our course and you will choose a
particular item once the overview presentation is complete to act as the focus for the special
collections paper that will be due November 4th. Instructions for the Paper will be posted on
D2L.

**Schedule of Readings and Assignments**
Anything not from your textbooks should have a link on the D2L course site under “Readings”
including the articles for group presentations in PDF format. Please check back with D2L often
as I will note any changes to the syllabus schedule in the announcements section of the course
home page on D2L. Page numbers for Cameron and Neal are for 5th edition (4th edition pages in
parentheses following).

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<td>Introduction – Modern VS Historical Economic Development Indicators</td>
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<td>Economic History and Economic Development</td>
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| 8/26  | Economic Development in Ancient Times – Agricultural Revolution                                | **Jigsaw #1:** Read Diamond, Ch. 8, 9, or 10 from *Guns, Germs, and Steel*
<pre><code>                                                  | All read Cameron and Neal Ch. 2 pp. 19-27 &amp; 45-48 (20-29)        |
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<p>| 8/29  | Economic Development in Ancient Times – State and Empire                                        | <strong>Jigsaw #2:</strong> Temin – <em>The Economy of the Early Roman Empire</em> (Journal of Economic Perspectives 2006) or Geraghty – <em>The Impact of Globalization in the Roman Empire,</em> |</p>
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<td><strong>Economic Development in Medieval Europe II – Trade and Technology</strong></td>
<td>Read Epstein – <em>Craft Guilds, Apprenticeships, and Technical Change in Pre-industrial Europe</em> (Journal of Economic History 1998, v. 58), Cameron and Neal Ch. 3 pp. 62-77 (50-72)</td>
<td>Film Clip from <em>Connections</em> on D2L</td>
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<td><strong>The Transition from Medieval to Early Modern</strong></td>
<td><strong>Group #1:</strong> Karackacili – <em>English Agrarian Labor Productivity Rates Before the Black Death</em> (Journal of Economic History, March 2004, v. 64)</td>
<td><strong>All Read</strong> Cameron and Neal Ch. 4 78-86 (Ch. 3&amp;4 72-82) &amp; Ch. 5. 100-104 (94-98)</td>
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<td><strong>Institutions, Exploration and Trade, Technology, and Culture</strong></td>
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<td><strong>In this section of the course our focus shifts to discovering the necessary pre-cursors to industrialization. Economic historians still dispute about the weight of importance that should be given to each of these transitions. Looking at their arguments will also help illuminate the important question of when European growth diverged from the rest of the world and why?</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Visit to Norlin Library – ½ class each in Special Collections and Government Info</strong></td>
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<td><strong>These two class periods we will meet in Norlin Library to see some of the sources for how Economic Historians put together a picture of the past. Please be on time and bring a pencil (no pen) and paper for taking notes. Special Collections is located on the third floor of Norlin Library, room N345. Please no drinks, pens, or gum. Lockers are available for storing valuables outside the special collections room. Government Info has reserved room E3030 on the third floor of Norlin Library located on the south side of the floor. Backpacks and other materials may be left at one side of the room. First Exam Essay Due 9/14 Turn in your exam essays by 11:59 pm on D2L.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>The Age of Discovery</strong></td>
<td><strong>Jigsaw #4:</strong> Read either Van Zanden and Tielhof – <em>Roots of Growth and Productivity Change in Dutch Shipping Industry 1500-1800</em> (Explorations in Economic History, 2009, vol. 46) or O’Rourke and Williamson – <em>After Columbus: Explaining Europe’s</em>*</td>
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*All Skim* Cameron and Neal Ch. 5 pp. 119-134 (113-127)

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|      | **Group #3:** Bogart – *Did the Glorious Revolution Contribute to a Transport Revolution?* (Economic History Review, v. 64. No. 4, 2011)  
**All Read** Cameron and Neal Ch. 6 pp. 135-165 (128-159) & Ch. 9 pp. 222-233 & 243-248 (206-218) |

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**All read** Carlos – *Joint Stock Trading Companies* |

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**All Read** Neal – *The Finance of Business During the Industrial Revolution* (Ch. 7) Cameron and Neal Ch. 9 pp. 233-243 |

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<th>9/30</th>
<th><strong>Development of Banking and Credit - Part II</strong></th>
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**All Read** Brunt - *Rediscovering Risk: Country Banks as Venture Capital Firms in the First Industrial Revolution* (Journal of Economic History, 2006 Vol. 66) |

**Demography and Agriculture**

The study of demography captures another important slice of economic history: the relationship between man and the environment and the role of agricultural productivity in the standard of living. For many pre-industrial societies per-capita income and population were inversely related. Why, how and when did this pattern begin to change?

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|      | **Group #6:** De Moor and Van Zanden – *Girl Power: The European Marriage Pattern and Labor Markets in the North Sea Region in the Late Medieval and Early Modern Period* (Economic History Review, 2010, v. 63)  
**All Read** Wrigley *Population Growth: England 1680-1820* and Allen Ch. 2  
**Second Exam Essay Due** Turn in your exam essays by 11:59 pm this evening on D2L. |

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<th><strong>More on Demography – Irish Potato Famine</strong></th>
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|      | **Group #7:** O'Rourke – *Did The Great Irish Famine Matter?* (Journal of Economic History, March 1991)  
**All Read:** Mokyr and O'Grada – *Emigration and Poverty in Pre-famine Ireland* (Explorations in Economic History, 1982, Vol. 19) |
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Cameron and Neal Ch. 7 pp. 166-176 (160-172) & Ch. 8 pp. 200-207 (no equivalent in 4th edition) |
| 10/12  | **Agricultural Revolution - Technology**                | **Jigsaw #6:** Liam Brunt – *Nature or Nurture: Explaining English Wheat Yields in the Industrial Revolution c. 1770* (Journal of Economic History, 2004. Vol. 64 No. 1)  
|        | **Technological Change and the Industrial Revolution**  | Technology was once considered the main driving factor behind the Industrial Revolution. What was the impact and importance of technology, and is there evidence of the growth it caused? Why was Britain at the forefront of inventing and adopting new technology that spurred industrial growth? |
| 10/14  | **Defining the Industrial Revolution**                  | Cameron and Neal Ch. 7 pp. 176-193 (172-186), Ch. 9 pp. 194-200 (no equivalent in 4th edition) and Allen Ch. 2 |
| 10/19  | **Energy, Resources, and Early Transportation Advantages** | **Group #8:** Turnbull – *Canals, Coal, and Regional Growth During the Industrial Revolution* (Economic History Review, 1987. V. 40, No. 4)  
**All Read** Allen Ch. 4 Cameron and Neal Ch. 8 pp. 207-211 (192-197) |
| 10/21  | **Why Britain? Allen’s Argument on British Success**    | Allen Ch. 5 & 6                                                                  |
| 10/24  | **Measuring Technological Change**                      | **Jigsaw #8:** Allen Ch. 7, Ch. 8 or Ch. 9  
**All Skim intro and conclusion:** Crafts – *Steam as a General Purpose Technology: A Growth Accounting Perspective* (Economic Journal, 2004 Vol. 495)  
**Optional** Cameron and Neal Ch. 8 pp. 211-221 (197-206) |
|        | **Third Exam Essay Due**                                | Turn in your exam essays by 11:59 pm this evening on D2L.                        |

**Standard of Living Debate – Impact of the Industrial Revolution**

No discussion of industrialization would be complete without a discussion of its impact on the standard of living. The Dickensian view that the Industrial Revolution brought nothing but misery to workers living in poverty in English slums long held sway over historians, and even today retains its champions. What exactly were the effects of factory work and the urban migration it caused? Were people better off as a result, and if so, exactly when did the benefits start to be felt?
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Engels – Conditions of the Working Class excerpt |
All Read: Galbi – Child Labor and the Division of Labor in Early English Cotton Mills (Journal of Population Economics, v. 10 no. 4, 1997) |
Library Paper Due – please turn in to the dropbox on D2L by 11:59 pm. |

**Industrialization in Europe and the creation of a Global Economy**

In this course we don’t have time for an extensive journey into the world beyond British Industrialization, but this section is dedicated to a quick look at what happened once other European countries started to adopt industrialization. Who adopted when, why, and how can we tell? How was their development path different from that of Britain? And what happened to European Economies as we moved into the 20th century?

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Cameron and Neal Ch. 10 pp. 249-270 (219-243) |
| 11/14      | **Continental Industrialization II**                                    | Mokyr – *The Industrial Revolution and the Netherlands: Why it Didn’t Happen* (Conference address 1999)  
Cameron and Neal Ch. 12 pp. 292-311 (244-269)  
**Fourth Exam Essay Due** Turn in your exam essays by 11:59 pm this evening on D2L. |
| 11/16      | **Growth of the World Economy in the 19th c.**                        | Group #12: O'Rourke – *European Grain Invasion 1870-1913* (Journal of Economic History, v.57 no. 4, 1997)  
**All Read** Cameron and Neal Ch. 11 pp. 271-291 (290-307) |
| 11/18      | **Industrialization – Paths not Taken**                                | Mokyr - *Industrialization and Poverty in Ireland and the Netherlands* (Journal of Interdisciplinary History, 1980)  
| 11/21-11/25| **No classes – Fall/Thanksgiving Break**                               |                                                        |
**All Skim** Cameron and Neal Ch. 13 pp. 312-330 (307-316) |
| 11/30      | **World War I and the Great Depression**                               | Cameron an Neal Ch. 14 pp. 331-357 (339-359)            |
| 12/2       | **The Great Depression – Global Collapse**                             | **Group #13:** Bernanke - *The Macroeconomics of the Great Depression: A Comparative Approach* (Journal of Money, Credit and Banking, 1995)  
**All Read:** Cameron and Neal & 14 pp. 348-359 and Eichengreen and Irwin – *The Slide to Protectionism in the Great Depression: Who Succumbed and Why?* (Journal of Economic History, vol. 70, no. 4, 2010) |
| 12/5       | **World War II & Reconstruction**                                      | Cameron and Neal Ch. 14 pp. 357-359 & Ch. 15 pp. 360-376 (359-377)  
| 12/7       | **Decolonization and the “Third World”**                               | O'Rourke – *Globalization and Inequality: Historical Trends* (Annual World Bank Conference on Development Economics, 2001/2), skim Cameron and Neal Ch. 15 pp. 376-382 (377-382) |
| 12/9       | **Origins of the EU and other concluding issues**                      | Cameron and Neal Ch. 15 pp. 382-389 & Ch. 16 pp. 390-422 (382-402) |
Final Exam Essays Due Sunday December 11th
Turn in your exam essays by 10:00 pm on D2L.

The essay exams are take-home format. In each case, the drop box for the essays will be open on D2L until they are due. Please make sure your documents are uploaded in PDF or Microsoft Word format only. If you use Pages for Mac or iPad please save your document as a PDF before uploading as D2L does not handle Pages format well. Early submissions are always accepted.

University and Class Policies

Classroom Courtesy: Students and faculty each have responsibility for maintaining an appropriate learning environment. Come to class on time with readings prepared. Turn off cell phones and disconnect from Facebook, Snapchat, and other social media. This class requires a collaborative in-class effort on behalf of all of the students and we ask that you give your attention to whoever is speaking and to whatever task in which we are engaged. Disruptive or disrespectful behavior may be grounds for loss of credit or academic sanctions. I reserve the right to ask you to turn off your laptop, tablet, or smartphone if it appears to be a distraction. Those who fail to adhere to such behavioral standards may be subject to discipline.

Professional courtesy and sensitivity are especially important with respect to individuals and topics dealing with differences of race, color, culture, religion, creed, politics, veteran's status, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity and gender expression, age, disability, and nationalities. Class rosters are provided to the instructor with the student's legal name. I will gladly honor your request to address you by an alternate name or gender pronoun. Please advise me of this preference early in the semester so that I may make appropriate changes to my records. For more information, see the policies on classroom behavior and the student code.

Attendance and Policy on Late Assignments: You are responsible for all material presented in class including announcements about readings, discussion, and assignments. Attendance will be taken randomly as well as during group activities such as the presentations or the “Jigsaw” assignment days (see more below). There are no make up points for these in class activities – if you miss class, you miss the points. For the midterms, presentations and written assignments to receive full credit, they must be turned in on time unless you provide documentation of severe illness or other certifiable emergencies.

E-mail: All e-mail communication for the class is sent through the CU e-mail system. If you want to receive e-mail through Yahoo, G-mail, Comcast, etc., you are responsible for setting up your CU account to forward e-mail to your non-university account. (Please see the University Policy on e-mail: http://www.colorado.edu/policies/email.html)

Participation: Read assignments before attending class. Come prepared for lecture and discussion. Be an active listener and ask questions if you want more information or need clarification. If you do not help your group when doing group presentation or the Jigsaw assignments, you will not receive credit.
**Disability Services:** If you qualify for accommodations because of a disability, please submit to your professor a letter from Disability Services in a timely manner (for exam accommodations provide your letter at least one week prior to the exam) so that your needs can be addressed. Disability Services determines accommodations based on documented disabilities. Contact Disability Services at 303-492-8671 or by e-mail at dsinfo@colorado.edu. If you have a temporary medical condition or injury, see Temporary Injuries guidelines under the Quick Links at the Disability Services website and discuss your needs with your professor.

**Absences due to Religious Observances:** Campus policy regarding religious observances requires that faculty make every effort to deal reasonably and fairly with all students who, because of religious obligations, have conflicts with scheduled exams, assignments or required attendance. In this class, please inform me as soon as possible of any conflicts between class attendance, exams, etc. and your religious observances and we will seek to find an appropriate accommodation. See campus policy regarding religious observances for full details.

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**Academic Integrity:** All students of the University of Colorado at Boulder are responsible for knowing and adhering to the academic integrity policy of this institution. Violations of this policy may include: cheating, plagiarism, aid of academic dishonesty, fabrication, lying, bribery, and threatening behavior. All incidents of academic misconduct shall be reported to the Honor Code Council (honor@colorado.edu; 303-735-2273). Students who are found to be in violation of the academic integrity policy will be subject to both academic sanctions from the faculty member and non-academic sanctions (including but not limited to university probation, suspension, or expulsion). Additional information regarding the Honor Code policy can be found online and at the Honor Code Office.

Students should note that their work may, at the discretion of the instructor, be evaluated through TurnInIt.com, a plagiarism service provided to all faculty at CU-Boulder; and that this service retains a copy of the submitted work for future comparisons.