Modern and Postmodern Economic History

Seminar Series and Bibliography

Seminar 1: China, the Needham Question and the Great Divergence.


Further Reading:


Seminar 2: Malthus, Population and the Food Supply.

Chapter 7, ‘Why poverty was inevitable in traditional societies’ in E. A. Wrigley’s (2004): *Poverty, Progress and Population*.

Further Reading:


**Seminar 3: Ecology and the Retreat of the Elephants from Southern China.**


Further Reading:


**Seminar 4: How Much do Religion and Cosmology Matter?**


Further reading:


**Seminar 5: Cultural Embeddedness and Rationality Assumptions.**


Further Reading:


**Seminar 6: Warfare and Early Modern State Building.**


Further Reading:


**Seminar 7: the Epstein Debate, Science vs. Technology?**


Further Reading:


If accessible please see Joel Mokyr’s (1990): The Lever of Riches: Technological Creativity and Economic Progress.

**Seminar 8: Early Modern Mercantilism and Empires of Trade**


Further Reading:


**Seminar 9: The Low Countries and the Limits of the Organic Economy**


Further Reading:


**Seminar 10: the Industrial Revolution, why England First?**


Further Reading:


Seminar 11: Modern Empire and Gentlemanly Capitalism?


Seminar 12: The Imperialism of Free Trade?


Further Reading:


Seminar 14: Douglass North and New Institutional Economics (NIE) or Telling Economists What Historians Already Knew.


Further Reading:


**Seminar 15: Wallerstein and World Systems Theory, or ‘Neo-Smithian Marxism’**.


Further Reading:


If accessible see Immanuel Wallerstein’s (2011, 3rd edn.) *Historical Capitalism with Capitalist Civilization*.

**Seminar 16: King Cotton and the Slave Plantation Economy of the American South**.


Further Reading:


**Seminar 17: The Gold Standard and the Role of Central Banks**.


Further Reading:


**Seminar 18: The Wall Street Crash, the Great Depression and the New Deal.**


Further Reading:


**Seminar 19: The Keynes Hayek Debate.**


Further Reading:


**Seminar 20: Hyperinflation in interwar Germany.**


Further Reading:


Seminar 21: West Germany, Erhard and the Wirtschaftswunder.


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