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### ECO. 201Y1: READINGS

As was stressed in the course outline, this is not a text-book course; and therefore there are no prescribed textbooks for which you will be responsible on the final examination. I did, however, recommend the following books, which would appear to be standard textbooks, as supplementary aids to guide you in what are the prescribed readings for the course, and in the lectures. The most important are:

- (1) Carlo M. Cipolla, *Before the Industrial Revolution: European Society and Economy, 1000 - 1700*, 3rd edition (London and New York, 1994). HC 240 C49513 1994
- (2) Ralph Davis, *The Rise of the Atlantic Economies*, World Economic History series (London: Weidenfeld and Nicholson, 1973). In paperback: 352 pp. HC 240 D32.
- (3) Peter Musgrave, *The Early Modern European Economy*, European History in Perspective Series (Basingstoke: MacMillans; and New York: St. Martin's Press, 1999). HC 240 .M793 1999X.

#### Prescribed Readings:

You are instead expected to do some of the readings for the **FIVE "A" LIST TOPICS**, selected for the Fall Term of 2001 as the primary essay topics, for this year. All five of these topics will appear on the mid-year test and also on the final examination. Therefore, in reading the following essays and journal articles, you will be doing the major research preparations for both your first term essay and for these examinations. Although the accompanying short-format bibliographies for these five topics do list current journal articles, the following package of readings does not necessarily contain such articles. I have chosen those articles and essays, chiefly older ones, that have proved to be seminal or of at least major importance in inspiring or in guiding the debates for the themes in these selected essay topics. Many recent articles are, of course, just partial responses to earlier articles on these debates, or contributions in minor areas of these debates.

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**The Economic History of Later Medieval and Early Modern Europe, 1250 - 1750****READINGS for the FIRST TERM: September to December 2001****1. The 'Black Death' of 1348 and the Late-Medieval Demographic Crises [Topic 1]**

Mark Bailey, 'Demographic Decline in Late-Medieval England: Some Thoughts on Recent Research,' The Economic History Review, 2nd ser., 49:1 (Feb. 1996), 1-19.

Richard M. Smith, 'Demographic Developments in Rural England, 1300-48: A Survey,' in Bruce M.S. Campbell, ed., Before the Black Death: Studies in 'Crisis' of the Early Fourteenth Century (Manchester and New York, 1991) pp. 25-78.

A.R. Bridbury, 'The Black Death,' Economic History Review, 2nd ser. 26 (Nov. 1973), 557-92.

John Hatcher, 'England in the Aftermath of the Black Death,' Past & Present, no. 144 (August 1994), pp. 3 - 35.

**2. The Problem of Serfdom in European Economic Development, I: The Decline of Serfdom in Late-Medieval Western Europe [Topic 2]**

Rodney H. Hilton, The Decline of Serfdom in Medieval England (Studies in Economic History series, London, 1969), pp. 9-59.

John Hatcher, 'English Serfdom and Villeinage: Towards a Reassessment,' Past and Present, no. 90 (Feb. 1981), 3-39. Reprinted in T. H. Aston, ed., Landlords, Peasants and Politics in Medieval England (Cambridge, 1987), pp. 247-84.

Robert Brenner, 'Agrarian Class Structure and Economic Development in Pre-Industrial Europe,' Past and Present, no. 70 (February 1976), 30-74: reprinted in T. Aston and C. Philpin, eds. The Brenner Debate: Agrarian Class Structure and Economic Development in Pre-Industrial Europe (1985), pp. 10 - 63. [ISBN 0 521 34933 8]

**3. The 'Great Depression' of the Late Middle Ages: Economic Slump or Economic Growth? [Topic 5]**

John Day, 'Crises and Trends in the Late Middle Ages,' [Translation of 'Crisi e congiunture nei secoli XIV e XV,' in La Storia: I grandi problemi (Turin, 1988).] Republished in his The Medieval Market Economy (Oxford: Blackwell, 1987), pp. 185-224.

Robert Lopez and Harry Miskimin, 'The Economic Depression of the Renaissance,' Economic History Review, 2nd ser. 14 (1962), 408-26.

Carlo Cipolla, Robert Lopez, and Harry Miskimin, 'Economic Depression of the Renaissance: Rejoinder and Reply,' Economic History Review, 2nd ser. 16 (1964), 519-29.

Pamela Nightingale, 'England and the European Depression of the Mid-Fifteenth Century,' The Journal of European Economic History, 26:3 (Winter 1997), 631-56.

#### 4. **The Church, the Usury Question, and Late-Medieval Banking [Topic 7]**

John T. Noonan, The Scholastic Analysis of Usury (Cambridge, Mass. 1957), chapter III, 'A Natural Law Case Against Usury', pp. 38-81. [ISBN 57 13463]

Jacques Le Goff, Your Money or Your Life: Economy and Religion in the Middle Ages, trans. by Patricia Ranum (New York, 1988), esp. pp. 17-32. [ISBN 0 942299-14-0]

Raymond De Roover, 'The Scholastic Attitude toward Trade and Entrepreneurship,' Explorations in Entrepreneurial History, 2nd ser. 1 (1963), 76-87; reprinted in Julius Kirshner, ed., Business, Banking, and Economic Thought in Late Medieval and Early Modern Europe: Selected Studies of Raymond de Roover (Chicago, 1974), pp. 345-55. [ISBN 0 226 72545 6]

Richard Tawney, Religion and the Rise of Capitalism (London, 1926), Introduction and chapter 1, 'The Medieval Background,' pp. 11-60.

#### 5. **Guilds in the Late-Medieval European Economy [Topic 9]**

Sylvia Thrupp, 'The Gilds,' in M. M. Postan, E.E. Rich, and Edward Miller, eds., Cambridge Economic History of Europe, Vol. III: Economic Organization and Policies in the Middle Ages (Cambridge, 1963), pp. 230-80.

Charles R. Hickson and Earl A. Thompson, 'A New Theory of Guilds and European Economic Development,' Explorations in Economic History, 28:2 (April 1991), 127 - 68.

Martha C. Howell, 'Women, the Family Economy, and the Structures of Market Production in the Cities of Northern Europe during the Later Middle Ages,' in B. A. Hanawalt, ed., Women and Work in Pre-Industrial Europe (Bloomington, 1986), pp. 198-222

Heather Swanson, 'The Illusion of Economic Structure: Craft Guilds in Late Medieval English Towns,' Past & Present, no. 121 (November 1988), pp. 29 - 48.