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## **BIBLIOGRAPHIES FOR ECO 201Y: 'A'-LIST TOPICS**

### **Topics in the Economic History of Later Medieval and Early Modern Europe, c.1250-1750**

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The following topics are numbered in the sequence 1 - 10; but the term 'Topic no.' following each of these numbers refers to the Topic Number in the Master List of Essay/Tutorial Topics for Eco. 201Y. You should refer to this Master List for a more detailed discussion of the debates about and thus the significance of each of these major topics, in European economic history.

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**FIRST TERM:** Fall Term, September - December 2001

- (1) Topic no. 1:           **The Great Famine, the Black Death, and the Late-Medieval Demographic Crises: Demography and Conjuncture in 14th- and 15th-Century Europe.**  
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- (2) Topic no. 2:           **The Problem of Serfdom in European Economic Development, I: The Decline of Serfdom in Western Europe, c. 1300 - c. 1500.**  
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- (3) Topic no. 5:           **The 'Great Depression' of the Late Middle Ages: Economic Slump or Economic Growth?**  
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- (4) Topic no. 7:           **The Church, the Usury Question, and Late-Medieval Banking: the Foundations of Modern Finance.**  
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- (5) Topic no. 9:           **Urban Governments, Guilds, and Gender-Related Occupations in Late-**

**Medieval European Towns, 1200 - 1500: Merchant-guilds, industrial-craft guilds, and the contrasting economic and political roles of men and women in West European towns during the later Middle Ages.**

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**SECOND TERM:** Winter-Spring Term, January - April 2002

- (6) Topic no. 13:       **The Population Problem and the Economic Development of Early-Modern Europe (1500 - 1640): Was there a 'Malthusian Trap'?**  
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- (7) Topic no. 15:       **The 'Rise of Capitalism' and The Protestant Reformations: the Weber-Tawney Theses on the 'Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism,' 16th - 18th Centuries .**  
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- (8) Topic no. 17:       **The 'Rise of the Gentry' Debate: On the Origins of Modern 'Agrarian Capitalism'.**  
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- (9) Topic no. 20:       **The 'General Crisis of the Seventeenth Century,' 1620-1740: the Hobsbawm Thesis on the Transition from 'Feudalism to Capitalism'.**  
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- (10) Topic no. 24:       **Mercantilism: Money, Economic Nationalism, and the State in Early-Modern Europe.**  
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