

Economics 420-2

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

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Items marked by * are optional and not included in the packet either.

Reading List:

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

- 1.a) Mokyr, "2nd Industrial Revolution" (on my website).
- 1.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.
- 1.c) Richard R. Nelson, ed., *National Innovation Systems* chs. 4, 6
- 1.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.

2. *Week II: Population and Demographic Change*

- 2.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.
- 2.b) Robert E. Lucas, *Lectures on Economic growth* 2002, chapter 5, pp. 109-122, 144-175.
- 2.c) Massimo Livi-Bacci, *The Population of Europe* (2000), chs 6-7.
- 2.d) Michael Anderson, "British Population History," in Michael Anderson, ed., *British Population History* (1996), ch. 6.

- 2.e) *Susan Cott Watkins, *From Provinces into Nations: Demographic Integration in Western Europe, 1870-1960* (1991).
3. ***Week III: The Causes and Effects of the Great Wars***
- 3.a) Barry Eichengreen, *Golden Fetters: The Gold Standard and the Great Depression* (1992), ch. 2-4.
- 3.b) C. Feinstein, P. Temin, and Gianni Toniolo, *European Economy between the Wars* (1997), ch. 2.
- 3.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***
- 4.a) Larry Neal and Daniel Barbezat, *The Economics of the European Union and the Economies of Europe*, chs 1-8, pp. 3-188.
- 4.b) Harold James, *The End of Globalization* (2001), ch. 3
5. ***Week V: Depressions and Booms***
- 5.a) Feinstein, Temin, and Toniolo, *European Economy between the Wars*, chs. 3-8.
- 5.b) Harold James, *The End of Globalization* (2001), ch. 2.
- 5.c) Barry Eichengreen, *Golden Fetters: The Gold Standard and the Great Depression* (1992), chs 8-9.
- 5.d) Harold Cole and Lee Ohanian, "The Great UK Depression," *Journal of Economic Dynamics*, 2002, downloadable from <http://www.bol.ucla.edu/~hlcole/ukdoc.pdf>
- 5.e) Timothy J. Hatton and Roy Bailey, "Unemployment Incidence in Interwar London," Unpublished.
6. ***Week VI: Macro management, the Welfare State and the Rise of the Mixed Economy***
- 6.a) Gerold Ambrosius and William H. Hubbard, *A Social and Economic History of Twentieth-century Europe* (1989), pp. 83-134, 242-284.
- 6.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.

- 6.c) Peter H. Lindert, "Why the Welfare State looks like a Free Lunch," unpublished, download from WWW.Econ.ucdavis.edu/faculty/fzlinder/

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

- 7.a) Alfred Chandler, Franco Amatori and Takashi Hikino, eds., *Big Business and the Wealth of Nations*, ch. 4-9.
- 7.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

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

- 8.a) J** Gur Ofer, "Soviet Economic Growth: 1928-1985," *Journal of Economic Literature*, Vol. 25, No. 4. (Dec., 1987), pp. 1767-1833.
- 8.b) Robert C. Allen, "The Rise and Decline of the Soviet Economy," *Canadian Journal of Economics* Vol. 34 (Nov. 2001), pp. 859-881; id., "The Standard of living in the Soviet Union, 1928-40," *Journal of Economic History* Vol. 58, 1998, pp. 1063-89; id., "Capital Accumulation, the Soft Budget Constraint, and Soviet Industrialization," *European Review of Economic History*, Vol. 2, pp. 1-24.
- 8.c) Paul Gregory, *Before Command*, Chapters 5-7. Id. "Collectivization, accumulation, and power," (chapter from unpub. book).
- 8.d) Mark Harrison, ed., *The Economics of World War II* ch. 7.

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

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

- 9.f) *Richard J. Overy, *War and Economy in the Third Reich* chs. 1, 2, 6, 8 (J** in part previously published in the *Economic History Review* 1975 and 1982)
10. ***Week X: Economic Growth after 1945***
- 10.a) Peter Temin, "The Golden Age of European Growth Reconsidered," *European Review of Economic History* April 2002; 6(1): 3-22.
- 10.b) Nicholas Crafts and Mary O'Mahony, "A Perspective on UK productivity Performance." *Fiscal Studies*, Sept. 2001, pp. 271-306.