International Economic History (level 4), 15.0 Credits

Internationell ekonomisk historia (nivå 4), 15.0 hp

Credit points: 15.0 Credits
Course code: 2EH038
Responsible department: Department of Economic History
Date of establishment: 2014-02-10
Established by: Head of Department of Economic History
Valid from: 2014-06-30
Level: Advanced level

Main Field of Study and progress level:
Economic History: second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Grading scale:
VG Pass with distinction, G Pass, U Fail

Form of instruction
The course is Internet-based.

Contents
The course objective is for students to gain knowledge of different theoretical approaches and use them to critically examine the international expansion of the economy in light of changes in the labor market, technology and the role of government. The course provides the student with insights about the value of different theoretical approaches and methods in comparative analyzes of the economy. Of particular interest is the ability to discern national and regional variations in different parts of the world-capitalist system since industrialization, regarding actors, institutional arrangement, technological developments and their markets as well as the distribution of wealth, and analyze how these factors interact in long-term economic development. Students choose at the end of the course an individual case study to analyze a country's or region's development.

Expected learning outcomes
In-depth knowledge of:
1. International economic and social patterns and processes.
2. Relevant theories and concepts useful in long-term economic-historical and institutional analysis.

In-depth ability to:
3. Independently select and use appropriate methods to analyze economic and social development in the students own case studies.
4. Write about and critically evaluate the theoretical perspectives, interpretations and explanations that the course covers.

Required Knowledge
Univ: To be admitted you must have accomplished 90-ECTS credits in either Economic History, Economics, Business Administration, Political Science or an equivalent Social Science topic, including a bachelor thesis equivalent to 15 ECTS credits.
Proficiency in English equivalent to Swedish upper Secondary course English A. Where the language of instruction is Swedish, applicants must prove proficiency in Swedish to the level required for basic eligibility for higher studies.

**Examination modes**
All exams are mandatory and individual. Examinations are written in the form of reports. Examinations can be conducted in Swedish, English or Arabic, in accordance with the student's choice. Individual ratings are given according to the three-step grading scale for each part. Further examinations are offered for those students who have not reached the level of pass in the regular examination. All students have the right to be examined up to five times to reach the pass grade. If a student after two examinations have not reached the pass grade, the student is able to request a new examiner.

**Crediting**
The course can be part of a master's degree in economic history. For foreign students, or for students who wish to do so, grades can be transformed according to the ECTS-scale by a special certificate.

**Literature**

*Mandatory literature:*


Flynn, Dennis O. & Giraldez, Arturo, "Path dependence, time lags and the birth of globalization: a critique of O’Rourke and Williamson" in European review of economic history, vol. 8 2004 (e-journal)


+ individual choice of articles about 200 p.

Reference literature:


# International Economic History, 15 ECTS, Web course, Autumn 2014

*Bold letters*: deadline for hand-out and hand-in of assignments. All assignments should be sent via Cambro no later than 17:00 CET on the assign deadline. The total course credit is divided into 100 points, you can see beside the examinations how many points each exam covers.

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| Friday 31 Oct| Video Lecture: introduction to the course  
                 Video Lecture: concepts and theories in economic history  
                 Video Lecture: the great divergence  
                 **Hand-out assignment 1!** | TP, JS, ML |
| Monday 3 Nov | Video Lecture: prerequisites for industrialization  
                 Video Lecture: industrialization in a global perspective  
                 Video Lecture: late comers  
| Wednesday 5 Nov | Video Lecture: Causes of European expansion  
                         **Hand-out assignment 2!** | ML |
| Friday 14 Nov | **Hand-in assignment 1 (5p)**  
                         **Hand-in assignment 2 (15p)** | TP |
| Monday 17 Nov | Video Lecture: Varieties of capitalism since 1850  
                         Hall et. al. (2001), Boyer (2005) | TP |
| Wednesday 19 Nov | Video Lecture: Varieties of capitalism since 1850  
                            Hall et. al. (2001), Fishlow (1990), Toniolo (1998), Perraton (2009), Schneider (2009)  
                            **Hand-out assignment 3!** | TP |
| Friday 28 Nov | **Hand-in assignment 3 (20p)** | TP |
| Monday 1 Dec  | Video Lecture: the role of big business in long-term economic development, part 1.  
                          **Hand-out assignment 4!** | AKB |
| Wednesday 3 Dec | Video Lecture: the role of big business in long-term economic development, part 2.  
                              Jones (2010) | AKB |
| Monday 22 Dec | **Hand-in assignment 4 (30p)** | AKB |
| Tuesday 23 Dec | Video Lecture: introduction to exam 5 – case study.  
                           Literature depending on your individual choice of case study.  
                           **Hand-out exam 5!** | TP |
| Friday 16 Jan 2015 | **Hand-in exam 5 (30p)** | TP |

Course evaluation available in Cambro