

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:

Chandler, A. D., Amatori, F. & Hikino, T. (eds.) (1999), *Big business and the wealth of nations*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press

Fishlow, A. (1990), "Developing Countries and the Modern Firm", in *Business History Review*, 64, (Winter 1990).

Geoffrey, J. (2010). *Beauty Imagined. A History of the Global Beauty Industry*. Oxford: OUP Oxford (electronic source).

North, D. C. (1991), "Institutions", in *Journal of Economic Perspectives*—Volume 5, Number 1—Winter 1991—Pages 97-112.

Pomeranz, K. (2000), *The great divergence. China, Europe, and the making of the modern world economy*. Princeton, N.J.: Princeton University Press (electronic source).

Sabel, C. & Zeitlin, J. (1985), "Historical Alternatives to Mass Production: Politics, Markets and Technology in Nineteenth-Century Industrialization," in *Past & Present*, no. 108, (Aug. 1985), pp. 133-76.

O'Rourke, Kevin H.; Williamson, Jeffrey G., "Once more: When did globalisation begin?", in *European review of economic history*, vol. 8 2004 (electronic source).

O'Rourke, Kevin H.; Williamson, Jeffrey G., "When Did Globalisation Begin?", in *European Review of Economic History*, April 2002, v. 6, pp. 23-50 (electronic source).

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)

Chandler, Jr, A. D. (1992). What is a firm?, *European Economic Review*, 36(2-3): 483-492

Hall, P. A. & Soskice, D. W. (2001). *Varieties of Capitalism. The Institutional Foundations of Comparative Advantage*. Oxford University Press (electronic resource).

+ individual choice of articles about 200 p.

Reference literature:

Feinstein, H., (2005). *An Economic History of South Africa. Conquest, Discrimination, and Development*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press (electronic resource).

Hopkins (2009), "The New Economic History of Africa, in *The Journal of African History*, 50, pp 155-177.

Noland, M. & Pack, H. (2011). *The Arab Economies in a Changing World*. Peterson Institute for International Economics (electronic resource).

van Zanden, J.L. (2008). The road to the Industrial Revolution: hypotheses and conjectures about the medieval origins of the 'European Miracle'. *Journal of Global History*, 3, pp 337-359

Von Nordenflycht, A., Hikino, T. & Chandler, A. D. (2005). *Inventing the Electronic Century: The Epic Story of the Consumer Electronics and Computer Industries : With a New Preface* (Harvard studies in business history ; 47). Harvard University Press (electronic source).

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.

DATE	CONTENT AND READING INSTRUCTIONS*	TEACHERS
Friday 31 Oct	Video Lecture: introduction to the course Video Lecture: concepts and theories in economic history Video Lecture: the great divergence Pomeranz (2000), North (1991) 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 Cameron (1985), van Zanden (2008), Pomeranz (2000), O'Rourke & Williamson (2002)	TP, JS
Wednesday 5 Nov	Video Lecture: Causes of European expansion Pomeranz (2000), Flynn & Giraldez (2004), O'Rourke & Williamson (2004) 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. Chandler et. al. (1999), Chandler (1992), Sabel & Zeitlin (1985), Rowlinson (2007). 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) Course evaluation available in Cambro	TP