

UNDERGRADUATE SYLLABUS

1110 Economic History, (7,5 ECTS)



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Program:

I – The traditional Europe by the mid-18th century

1 – The weight of agricultural activities and the role of land. The plurality of taxation systems. Central state and the provision of public goods.

2 - Local versus regional markets. International trade.

3 – Urban life. Production and prices. Birth, marriage and death.

4 - The traditional mechanism of crises. What place for government policy?

II – The British modernization and “The European Miracle” (1750s-1870s).

5 – The new agriculture and demography.

6– Industry, transports, trade and urban life.

7 - The liberal concept of economic activities.

8 – Law and regulation. Taxation, public goods, public works and public debt.

III - Effects of globalization on markets and economic policies (1870-1914)

. 9 – The conditions for globalization. Free trade. Gold standard.

10 – Migrations. Flows of capital and stock-exchange markets.

11 – Urbanization. State and infra-structures. Public goods, markets and firms.

12 – The beginnings of the African colonization

IV The impact of WWI on markets and policies

13 – The economy of war, the new roles for government and public expenditure. The 1917 Russian Revolution. The constraints to free trade under flexible exchange rates.

14- War destructions and the imperatives of reconstruction. Central state, war debts and reparations.

15 – The return to normalcy, markets and the five hyper-inflationary experiences.

16 - The governments' policies of stabilization in the second half of the 1920s.

Economic policy, employment and social assistance under the gold-exchange-standard.

17 - The Great Depression and the end of the gold-exchange-standard.

18 – The 1930s. Government and growth policies.

19 – The Soviet experience in the inter-wars period. Central planning. The German recovery.

V The impact of WWII on markets and policies

20 – The economy of war and the war economy. The reconstruction and the role of governments along the Marshall Plan.

21 - The spread of socialist states. International cooperation and a NIEO. Global governance, under the cold war the UN, the IMF, the World Bank, the NATO.

22 –The European integration and economic policies.

V The post-war prosperity and the difficulties after the 1970s

23 – The welfare state along the spread of economic growth.

24 –Stagflation, the failure of growth policies and social security schemes. The failure of planning and the emergent markets in Eastern Europe.

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