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ECO 201Y1: READINGS for Fall Term, Sept - Dec 2003

As was stressed in the course outline, this is not a text-book course; and therefore there are no prescribed textbooks for which you will be responsible on the final examination. I did, however, recommend the following books, which would appear to be standard textbooks, as supplementary aids to guide you in what are the prescribed readings for the course, and in the lectures. The most important are:

- (1) Carlo M. Cipolla, *Before the Industrial Revolution: European Society and Economy, 1000 - 1700*, 3rd edition (London and New York, 1994). HC 240 C49513 1994
- (2) Ralph Davis, *The Rise of the Atlantic Economies*, World Economic History series (London: Weidenfeld and Nicholson, 1973). In paperback: 352 pp. HC 240 D32.
- (3) Peter Musgrave, *The Early Modern European Economy*, European History in Perspective Series (Basingstoke: MacMillans; and New York: St. Martin's Press, 1999). HC 240 .M793 1999X.

Prescribed Readings:

You are instead expected to do some of the readings for the **FIVE "A" LIST TOPICS**, selected for the Fall Term of 2003 as the primary essay topics, for this year. All five of these topics will appear on the mid-year test and also on the final examination. Therefore, in reading the following essays and journal articles, you will be doing the major research preparations for both your first term essay and for these examinations. Although the accompanying short-format bibliographies for these five topics do list current journal articles, the following package of readings does not necessarily contain such articles. I have chosen those articles and essays, chiefly older ones, that have proved to be seminal or of at least major importance in inspiring or in guiding the debates for the themes in these selected essay topics. Many recent articles are, of course, just partial responses to earlier articles on these debates, or contributions in minor areas of these debates.

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ECONOMICS 201Y1

The Economic History of Later Medieval and Early Modern Europe, 1250 - 1750**READINGS for the FIRST TERM: September to December 2003****1. The Great Famine, the Black Death and the Late Medieval Demographic Crises [Topic 1 on the master list]**

Richard M. Smith, 'Demographic Developments in Rural England, 1300-48: A Survey', in Bruce M.S. Campbell, ed., *Before the Black Death: Studies in 'Crisis' of the Early Fourteenth Century* (Manchester and New York, 1991) pp. 25-78.

Henry Lucas, 'The Great European Famine of 1315, 1316, and 1317', *Speculum*, 5 (1930), reprinted in E.M. Carus-Wilson, ed., *Essays in Economic History*, Vol. II (London, 1962), pp. 49-72.

Mark Bailey, 'Demographic Decline in Late-Medieval England: Some Thoughts on Recent Research', *The Economic History Review*, 2nd ser., 49:1 (Feb. 1996), 1-19.

Michael McCormick, 'Rats, Communications, and Plague: Toward an Ecological History', *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, 34:1 (Summer 2003), 1-25.

A.R. Bridbury, 'The Black Death', *Economic History Review*, 2nd ser. 26 (Nov. 1973), 557-92.

John Hatcher, 'England in the Aftermath of the Black Death', *Past & Present*, no. 144 (August 1994), pp. 3 - 35.

2. The Problem of Serfdom in European Economic Development, I: The Decline of Serfdom in Late-Medieval Western Europe [no. 2 on the Master List]

Robert Brenner, 'Agrarian Class Structure and Economic Development in Pre-Industrial Europe', *Past and Present*, no. 70 (February 1976), 30-74: reprinted in T. Aston and C. Philpin, eds., *The Brenner Debate: Agrarian Class Structure and Economic Development in Pre-Industrial Europe* (1985), pp. 10 - 63.

Rodney H. Hilton, *The Decline of Serfdom in Medieval England* (Studies in Economic History series, London, 1969), pp. 9-59.

John Hatcher, 'English Serfdom and Villeinage: Towards a Reassessment,' *Past and Present*, no. 90 (Feb. 1981), 3-39. Reprinted in T. H. Aston, ed., *Landlords, Peasants and Politics in Medieval England* (Cambridge, 1987), pp. 247-84.

John Hatcher, 'England in the Aftermath of the Black Death', *Past & Present*, no. 144 (August 1994), pp. 3 - 35. [Note: included in the previous set, for Topic no. 1]

Ambrose Raftis, 'Peasants and the Collapse of the Manorial Economy on Some Ramsey Abbey Estates', in Richard Britnell and John Hatcher, eds., *Progress and Problems in Medieval England: Essays in Honour of Edward Miller* (Cambridge 1996), pp. 191-206.

Jerome Blum, 'The Rise of Serfdom in Eastern Europe', *American Historical Review*, 62 (July 1957), 807-36. Provides a very useful and illuminating comparison between the decline of western serfdom and the rise of eastern serfdom, during the later Middle Ages; and this essay greatly influenced Brenner.

3. The 'Great Depression' of the Late Middle Ages: Economic Slump or Economic Growth? [no. 5 on the Master List]

John Day, 'Crises and Trends in the Late Middle Ages,' [Translation of 'Crisi e congiunture nei secoli XIV e XV,' in *La Storia: I grandi problemi* (Turin, 1988).] Republished in John Day, *The Medieval Market Economy* (Oxford: Blackwell, 1987), pp. 185-224.

Robert Lopez and Harry Miskimin, 'The Economic Depression of the Renaissance,' *Economic History Review*, 2nd ser. 14 (1962), 408-26.

Carlo Cipolla, Robert Lopez, and Harry Miskimin, 'Economic Depression of the Renaissance: Rejoinder and Reply,' *Economic History Review*, 2nd ser. 16 (1964), 519-29.

John Munro, 'The "New Institutional Economics" and the Changing Fortunes of Fairs in Medieval and Early Modern Europe: the Textile Trades, Warfare, and Transaction Costs', *Vierteljahrschrift für Sozial- und Wirtschaftsgeschichte*, 88:1 (2001), 1 - 47.

Pamela Nightingale, 'England and the European Depression of the Mid-Fifteenth Century,' *The Journal of European Economic History*, 26:3 (Winter 1997), 631-56.

4. Urban Governments, Guilds, and Gender-Related Occupations in Late-Medieval European Towns, 1200 - 1500 [no. 9 on the Master List]

Sylvia Thrupp, 'The Gilds,' in M. M. Postan, E.E. Rich, and Edward Miller, eds., *Cambridge Economic History of Europe*, Vol. III: *Economic Organization and Policies in the Middle Ages* (Cambridge, 1963), pp. 230-80.

Bo Gustavson, 'The Rise and Economic Behavior of Medieval Craft Guilds: An Economic-Theoretical Interpretation', *Scandinavian Journal of Economics*, 35:1 (1987), 1 - 40.

Charles R. Hickson and Earl A. Thompson, 'A New Theory of Guilds and European Economic Development,' *Explorations in Economic History*, 28:2 (April 1991), 127 - 68.

John H. Munro, 'Urban Regulation and Monopolistic Competition in the Textile Industries of the Late-Medieval Low Countries,' in Erik Aerts and John Munro, eds., *Textiles of the Low Countries in European Economic History*, Studies in Social and Economic History, Vol. 19 (Leuven, 1990), pp. 41 - 52; reprinted in John Munro, *Textiles, Towns, and Trade: Essays in the Economic History of Late-Medieval England and the Low Countries* (Aldershot, Hampshire; and Brookfield, Vermont, 1994).

John Munro, 'Gold, Guilds, and Government: The Impact of Monetary and Labour Policies on the Flemish Cloth Industry, 1390-1435', *Jaarboek voor middeleeuwse geschiedenis*, 5 (2002), 153 - 205.

Heather Swanson, 'The Illusion of Economic Structure: Craft Guilds in Late Medieval English Towns,' *Past & Present*, no. 121 (November 1988), pp. 29 - 48.

Martha C. Howell, 'Women, the Family Economy, and the Structures of Market Production in the Cities of Northern Europe during the Later Middle Ages,' in B. A. Hanawalt, ed., *Women and Work in Pre-Industrial Europe* (Bloomington, 1986), pp. 198-222.

John Hatcher and Sandy Bardsley, 'Debate: Women's Work Reconsidered: Gender and Wage Differentiation in Late Medieval England', *Past & Present*, no. 173 (Nov. 2001), pp.191-202.

5. The Church, the Usury Question, and Late-Medieval Banking [no. 7 on the Master List]

Richard Tawney, *Religion and the Rise of Capitalism* (London, 1926; revised edn. 1937), Introduction and chapter 1, 'The Medieval Background,' pp. 11-60.

John T. Noonan, *The Scholastic Analysis of Usury* (Cambridge, Mass. 1957), chapter III, 'A Natural Law Case Against Usury', pp. 38-81.

Jacques Le Goff, *Your Money or Your Life: Economy and Religion in the Middle Ages*, trans. by Patricia Ranum (New York, 1988), esp. pp. 17-32.

Raymond De Roover, 'The Scholastic Attitude toward Trade and Entrepreneurship,' *Explorations in Entrepreneurial History*, 2nd ser. 1 (1963), 76-87; reprinted in Julius Kirshner, ed., *Business, Banking, and Economic Thought in Late Medieval and Early Modern Europe: Selected Studies of Raymond de Roover* (Chicago, 1974), pp. 345-55.

Francesco L. Galassi, 'Buying a Passport to Heaven: Usury, Restitution, and the Merchants of Medieval Genoa,' *Religion*, 22 (October 1992), 313-26.