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ECONOMICS 301Y1

The Economic History of Later Medieval and Early Modern Europe, 1250 - 1750

SECOND TERM 'A' LIST READINGS: January to April 2012

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The numbers in square brackets refer to the topic numbers in the Master List of Topics for ECO 301Y

Topic No. 6 [13]: The Population Problem and Economic Development in Early Modern Europe: Was There a 'Malthusian Trap'?

John Hatcher, 'Understanding the Population History of England, 1450 - 1750', *Past & Present*, no. 180 (August 2003), 83-130.

D. M. Palliser, 'Tawney's Century: Brave New World or Malthusian Trap?', *Economic History Review*, 2nd ser., 35:3 (Aug. 1982), 339-53.

Peter Lindert, 'English Living Standards, Population Growth, and Wrigley-Schofield', *Explorations in Economic History*, 20:2 (April 1983), 131-55.

Donald Woodward, 'Wage Rates and Living Standards in Pre-Industrial England', *Past and Present*, no. 91 (1981), 28-45.

E.H. Phelps Brown and Sheila Hopkins, 'Wage Rates and Prices: Evidence of Population Pressure in the Sixteenth Century', *Economica*, 24:97 (Nov. 1957), 289-305; and 'Builders' Wage-Rates, Prices and Population: Some Further Evidence', *Economica*, 26:101 (Feb. 1959), both reprinted in Phelps Brown and Hopkins, *A Perspective of Wages and Prices* (London: Methuen, 1981), pp. 60-77, 78-98.
ISBN 0 416 3190 5

Herman Van der Wee, 'Prices and Wages as Development Variables: A Comparison Between England and the Southern Netherlands, 1400-1700', *Acta Historiae Neerlandicae*, 10 (1978), 58-78.

Topic No. 7 [14]: The European Price Revolution Era c.1540 - c. 1640: The Problem of Inflation and Economic Growth in Early-Modern Europe

A. On the Causes of the Price Revolution

John Munro, 'The Monetary Origins of the 'Price Revolution': South German Silver Mining, Merchant-Banking, and Venetian Commerce, 1470-1540', in Dennis Flynn, Arturo Giráldez, and Richard von Glahn, eds., *Global Connections and Monetary History, 1470 - 1800* (Aldershot and Brookfield, Vt: Ashgate Publishing, 2003), pp. 1-34.

ISBN 0 7546 3213 X

R. B. Outhwaite, *Inflation in Tudor and Early Stuart England*, Studies in Economic and Social History series, 2nd edn. (London: Macmillan, 1982), pp. 11 - 60. Good overview, but weak on economic analysis, confusing micro-economics with macro-economics.

ISBN 0 333 34399 9

Jack A. Goldstone, 'Urbanization and Inflation: Lessons from the English Price Revolution of the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries', *American Journal of Sociology*, 89 (1984), 1122 - 60.

Peter Lindert, 'English Population, Wages, and Prices: 1541 - 1913', *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, 15:4 (Spring 1985), 609-34, especially pp. 618-29.

Nicholas Mayhew, 'Population, Money Supply, and the Velocity of Circulation in England, 1300-1700', *Economic History Review*, 2nd ser., 48:2 (May 1995), 238-57.

B. On the Consequences of the Price Revolution: Hamilton's Theory of 'Profit Inflation'

John Munro, 'Money, Prices, Wages, and "Profit Inflation" in Spain, the Southern Netherlands, and England during the Price Revolution era: ca. 1520 - ca. 1650', *História e Economia: Revista Interdisciplinar*, 4:1 (2008), 13-71.

David Felix, 'Profit Inflation and Industrial Growth: The Historic Record and Contemporary Analogies', *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 70 (1956), 442-63; reprinted in Roderick Floud, ed., *Essays in Quantitative Economic History* (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1974), pp. 133-51.

ISBN 0 19 87019 7

J.D. Gould, 'The Price Revolution Reconsidered', *Economic History Review*, 2nd ser., 17 (1964-65). Reprinted in Peter Ramsey, ed., *The Price Revolution in Sixteenth-Century England*, Debates in Economic History series (London: Methuen, 1971), pp. 91-116.

ISBN 416 29830 3

Topic No. 8 [15]: The Protestant Reformations and 'The Rise of Capitalism': The Weber-Tawney Theses and Their Critics

Max Weber, *The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism*, trans. Talcott Parsons (New York, 1930; 2nd edition: London: Allen & Unwin, 1976). Forward by Tawney and Preface by Weber (pp. 1-31); and especially chapter V: 'Asceticism and the Spirit of Capitalism', pp. 155-83.

ISBN 0043310699

R. H. Tawney, *Religion and the Rise of Capitalism: a Historical Study* (London: 1926; reissued London, Penguin Books, 1990). Read the Preface, and Chapter IV: 'The Puritan Movement', pp. 164-226; and Chapter V: Conclusion, pp. 227-35.

ISBN 0140184244

Christopher Hill, 'Protestantism and the Rise of Capitalism', in F. J. Fisher, ed., *Essays in the Economic and Social History of Tudor and Stuart England* (London: 1961; reissued Cambridge and New York: Cambridge

University Press), pp. 15-39.
ISBN 0521025524

Alastair Hamilton, 'Max Weber's *Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism*', in Stephen P. Turner, ed., *Cambridge Companion to Weber* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2000), pp. 151-71.
ISBN 052156753X (pbk.)

Malcolm MacKinnon, 'The Longevity of the Thesis: A Critique of the Critics', in Hartmut Lehmann and Guenther Roth, eds., *Weber's Protestant Ethic: Origins, Evidence, Contexts* (Cambridge and New York, Cambridge University Press, 1993), pp. 211-43.
ISBN 0 521 55829 8

John Munro, 'Usury, Calvinism and Credit in Protestant England: from the Sixteenth Century to the Industrial Revolution', in Francesco Ammannati, ed., *Religione e istituzioni religiose nell'economia europea, 1000 - 1800/ Religion and Religious Institutions in the European Economy, 1000 - 1800*, Fondazione Istituto Internazionale di Storia Economica 'F. Datini', Prato, Serie II: Atti delle 'Settimane de Studi' e altri Convegni no. 43 (Florence: University of Florence Press, 2012), pp. 249-78.
No ISBN: not yet published.

Topic No. 9 [17]: 'The Rise of the Gentry' Debate: Landlords, Social Change, and the Rise of Agrarian Capitalism in Tudor-Stuart England, 1540 - 1640

R.H. Tawney, 'The Rise of the Gentry, 1558-1640', *Economic History Review*, 1st ser., 11:1 (1941), 1-38. Reprinted with a postscript (1954) in E.M. Carus-Wilson, ed., *Essays in Economic History*, Vol. I (London, 1954), pp. 173-214.
No ISBN. Library of Congress Catalogue no. 67000220

H.J. Habakkuk, 'English Landownership, 1680-1740', *Economic History Review*, 1st ser., 10:1 (Feb. 1940), 2 - 17. Provides the mirror image of Tawney's analysis, for the post 1660 period; and note that it was published in the year preceding the publication of Tawney's famous essay.

Lawrence Stone, ed., *Social Change and Revolution in England, 1540-1640, Problems & Perspectives Series* (London, 1965). Part I consists of articles and essays (usually condensed by the major participants in this debate about the 'Rise of the Gentry' and the Origins of the Civil War:
ISBN 582 31348 1

- a) Lawrence Stone, 'Problems of Historiography: Introduction', pp. xi-xxvi.
- b) R. H. Tawny, 'The Rise of the Gentry', pp. 6-18 [see above]
- c) H.R. Trevor Roper, 'The Decline of the Mere Gentry', pp. 19-32.
- d) J. H. Hexter, 'The Military Decline of the Aristocracy', pp. 33-44.
- e) P. Zagorin, 'Critique of the Trevor-Roper Thesis', pp. 45-59.

Peter R. Coss, 'The Formation of the English Gentry', *Past & Present*, no. 147 (May 1995), pp. 38-64.

George E. Mingay, *The Gentry: The Rise and Fall of a Ruling Class* (London, 1976), especially chapters 1 - 3, pp. 1-79.
ISBN 0 582 48403 0

Topic No. 10 [20]: The ‘General Crisis’ of the 17th Century (ca. 1620-1740): The Hobsbawm Thesis on the Origins of the Industrial Revolution [and/or ‘The Transition from Feudalism to Modern Capitalism’]

Eric Hobsbawm, ‘The Crisis of the Seventeenth Century’, *Past and Present*, nos. 5 (May 1954), 33-53 & no. 6 (Nov. 1954), 44-65; **and**

H. R. Trevor Roper, ‘The General Crisis of the Seventeenth Century’, *Past and Present*, no. 16 (Nov. 1959), 31-64, both reprinted in: Trevor H. Aston, ed., *Crisis in Europe, 1560-1660: Essays from Past and Present* (London, 1965), pp. 5-58, and 59-96.

No ISBN. Library of Congress Catalogue no. 65015638

Geoffrey Parker and L.M. Smith, eds., *The General Crisis of the Seventeenth Century* (London, 1978). Collection of essays: read in particular:

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a) Geoffrey Parker, ‘Introduction’, pp. 1-15.

b) Niels Steensgaard, ‘The Seventeenth Century Crisis’, pp. 26-56.

Theodore K. Rabb, *The Struggle for Stability in Early Modern Europe* (Oxford, 1976), chapters 1 - 4 (on the General Crisis), pp. 3 - 34. Excellent analysis of the debate.

No ISBN. Library of Congress Catalogue no. 76352195

Jan De Vries, *The Economy of Europe in an Age of Crisis, 1600-1750* (Cambridge, 1976), especially chapter one, pp. 1 - 29. An excellent and perceptive survey of the major economic problems.

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Prescribed Readings:

While this course reader is primarily designed to assist you in writing your term essays, you are expected to do some of the readings for some of the other **FIVE “A” LIST TOPICS**, which have been selected as the primary essay topics for the Winter-Spring Term of January to March 2012. There are, however, no obligatory readings. All five of these topics will appear on the final examination (along with the five “A” list topics for the first term, Sept. to Dec. 2011). Therefore, in reading the following essays and journal articles, you will be doing the major research preparations for both your second term essay (possibly also the third essay, if required), and for the final examination. 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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