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ECO. 301Y1: FIRST TERM A-LIST READINGS: for the Fall Term, Sept. - Dec. 2013

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 do, however, recommend the following two books as supplementary aids to guide you in what are the prescribed readings for the course, and in the lectures. If not necessarily the best, they are still in print, and available in the bookstore.

- (1) Steven A. Epstein, *An Economic and Social History of Later Medieval Europe, 1000 - 1500* (Cambridge and New York: Cambridge University Press, 2009). D117.E67 2009.
- (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.

Prescribed Readings:

You are instead expected to do some of the readings for the **FIVE "A" LIST TOPICS**, selected for the Fall Term of 2013 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 301Y1

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

A- LIST READINGS for the FIRST TERM (FALL): September to December 2013

The numbers in square brackets refer to the topic numbers for these particular topics given on the Master List of Essay and Reading Topics for ECO 301Y.

Topic No. 1 [1]: The Black Death, the Late Medieval Demographic Crises, and the Standard of Living Controversies

Samuel K. Cohn, Jr., 'The Black Death: End of a Paradigm', *American Historical Review*, 107:3 (June 2002), 703-38.

Lester K. Little, 'Plague Historians in Lab Coats: A Review Article', *Past & Present*, no. 213 (November 2011), pp. 267-90.

John Theilmann and Frances Cate, 'A Plague of Plagues: The Problem of Plague Diagnosis in Medieval England', *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, 37:3 (Winter 2007), 371-93.

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.

A.R. Bridbury, 'The Black Death', *Economic History Review*, 2nd ser. 26 (Nov. 1973), 577-92.

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

John Munro, 'Before and After the Black Death: Money, Prices, and Wages in Fourteenth-Century England', in Troels Dahlerup and Per Ingesman, eds., *New Approaches to the History of Late Medieval and Early Modern Europe: Selected Proceedings of Two International Conferences at The Royal Danish Academy of Sciences and Letters in Copenhagen in 1997 and 1999*, Historisk-filosofiske Meddelelser, no. 104 (Copenhagen: The Royal Danish Academy of Sciences and Letters, 2009), pp. 335-364. ISBN 978-87-7304-338-7

Topic No. 2 [3]: The Problem of Serfdom in European Economic Development, II: The Spread of Serfdom in Eastern Europe, ca. 1400 - ca. 1700

Jerome Blum, 'The Rise of Serfdom in Eastern Europe', *American Historical Review*, 62 (July 1957), 807-36.

Robert Brenner, 'Agrarian Class Structure and Economic Development in Pre-Industrial Europe', *Past and Present*, no. 70 (February 1976), pp. 30-75: 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. ISBN 0 - 521 - 268176

Markus Cerman, 'Demesne Lordship and Rural Society in Early-Modern East Central and Eastern Europe: Comparative Perspectives', in Markus Cerman and Richard Hoyle, eds., *Demesne Lordship and Rural Society in Early Modern East Central and Eastern Europe, ca. 1500 - c. 1800*. Special edition of *Agricultural History Review*, 59:ii (2011), 239-58.

Michael L. Bush, ed., *Serfdom and Slavery: Studies in Legal Bondage* (London and New York: Addison Wesley Longman Ltd., 1996): very valuable collection of studies on slavery and serfdom. ISBN 0 - 582 - 291860

- a) Michael Bush, 'Serfdom in Medieval and Modern Europe: A Comparison', pp. 199-224.
- b) Robert Brenner, 'The Rises and Declines of Serfdom in Medieval and Early Modern Europe', in, pp. 247-76.
- c) William H. Hagen, 'Subject Farmers in Brandenburg-Prussia and Poland: Village Life and Fortunes under Manorialism in Early Modern Central Europe', pp. 296-310.

William Hagen, 'How Mighty the Junkers? Peasant Rents and Seigneurial Profits in Sixteenth-Century Brandenburg', *Past & Present*, no. 108 (August 1985), 80 - 116.

Edgar Melton, 'The Feudal Revolution and the Agrarian Transformation of Eastern Europe, 1400 - 1600', in Troels Dohlerup and Per Ingesman, eds., *New Approaches to the History of Late Medieval and Early Modern Europe: Selected Proceedings of Two International Conferences at the Royal Danish Academy of Sciences and Letters in Copenhagen in 1997 and 1999*, Historisk-filosofiske Meddelelser 104 (Copenhagen: The Royal Danish Academy of Sciences and Letters, 2009), pp. 273-300. ISBN 978-87-7304-338-7

Topic No. 3 [4]: Feudal Governments, Warfare, Taxation, and 'Economic Crises' in Later Medieval Europe, 1280 - 1500

Edward Miller, 'War, Taxation, and the English Economy in the Late Thirteenth and Early Fourteenth Centuries', in J.M. Winter, ed., *War and Economic Development: Essays in Memory of David Joslin* (Cambridge, 1975), pp. 11-32. ISBN 0 - 521 - 205352

A.R. Bridbury, 'Before the Black Death', *Economic History Review*, 2nd ser. 30 (Aug. 1977), 393-410.

Barbara Harvey, 'Introduction: the "Crisis" of the Early Fourteenth Century', in B.M.S. Campbell, ed., *Before the Black Death: Studies in the 'Crisis' of the Early Fourteenth Century* (Manchester, 1991), pp. 1-24. ISBN 0 - 719 - 032083 hardback

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.

J. R. Strayer, 'The Costs and Profits of War: The Anglo-French Conflict of 1294-1303', in H.A. Miskimin, D. Herlihy, A.L. Udovitch, eds., *The Medieval City* (New Haven, 1977), pp. 269-292. ISBN 0 - 300 - 02081 - 3

William P. Caferro, 'Warfare and Economy in Renaissance Italy, 1350 - 1450', *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, 39:2 (Autumn 2008), 167-209.

Topic No. 4 [6]: Monetary Problems and Economic Conjuncture in Late-Medieval Europe: Monetary Forces and Economic Crises during the 14th and 15th Centuries

W. C. Robinson, 'Money, Population, and Economic Change in Late-Medieval Europe', *Economic History Review*, 2nd ser. 12 (1959), 63-76; and rejoinder: by Michael Postan, 'Note,' pp. 77-82.

John Day, 'The Great Bullion Famine of the Fifteenth Century', *Past & Present*, no. 79 (1978), 1 - 54. Reprinted in John Day, *The Medieval Market Economy* (Oxford, 1987), pp. 1-54. ISBN 0 - 6311 - 54795

Peter Spufford, *Money and Its Use in Medieval Europe* (Cambridge, 1988), chapter 15: 'The Bullion Famines of the Later Middle Ages,' and chapter 16: 'Money on the Eve of the Price Revolution', pp. 339-77. ISBN 0 - 521 - 303842

Pamela Nightingale, 'Monetary Contraction and Mercantile Credit in Later Medieval England', *Economic History Review*, 2nd ser. 43 (Nov. 1990), 560 - 75.

John Munro, 'Bullion Flows and Monetary Contraction in Late-Medieval England and the Low Countries', in J. F. Richards, ed., *Precious Metals in the Later Medieval and Early Modern Worlds* (1983), pp. 97-158. ISBN 0 - 90-89 - 224 - 5

John H. Munro, 'Wage-Stickiness, Monetary Changes, and Real Incomes in Late-Medieval England and the Low Countries, 1300 - 1500: Did Money Matter?', *Research in Economic History*, 21 (2003), 185-298.

John Munro, 'The Late-Medieval Decline of English Demesne Agriculture: Demographic, Monetary, and Political-Fiscal Factors', in Mark Bailey and Stephen Rigby, eds., *Town and Countryside in the Age of the Black Death: Essays in Honour of John Hatcher*, *The Medieval Countryside*, vol. 12 (Turnhout: Brepols, 2012), pp. 299-348.

Topic No. 5 [7]: The Church, the Usury Question, and Late-Medieval Banking

Richard Tawney, *Religion and the Rise of Capitalism* (London, 1926; revised edn. 1937), Introduction and chapter 1, 'The Medieval Background,' pp. 11-60. ISBN: not given.

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

Jacques Le Goff, *Your Money or Your Life: Economy and Religion in the Middle Ages*, trans. by Patricia Ranum (New York, 1988), esp. chapters 2 ('The Moneybag: Usury') and 3 ('The Thief of Time'), pp. 17-45. ISBN 0 - 942299-14-0. Library of Congress Catalogue no: HB 531 .N66 1957

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

John Munro, 'The Medieval Origins of the Modern Financial Revolution: Usury, *Rentes*, and Negotiability', *The International History Review*, 25:3 (September 2003), 505-62.

Elaine S. Tan, 'Origins and Evolution of the Medieval Church's Usury Laws: Economic Self-Interest or Systematic Theology?', *The Journal of European Economic History*, 34:1 (Spring 2005), 263-81.

Mark Koyama, 'Evading the "Taint of Usury": The Usury Prohibition as a Barrier to Entry', *Explorations in Economic History*, 47:4 (October 2010), 420-42. Warning: highly mathematical; but the econometrics may well appeal to some economics specialists.