

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO
Department of Economics

ECONOMICS 322H1S L0101: Canadian Economic History
Winter, 2023 (Thursdays, 10 AM – 1 PM in SS2110 and Fridays 10-11AM)

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ECO322H1S is an in-person course, though students will submit their reviews and essay online and I will conduct office hours through Zoom..

I will post readings and complete lecture notes in advance so that you can prepare for our seminars (10:10 to 11:00 AM Thursdays and Fridays EST) and lectures from 11:15 AM - 1:00 PM EST on Thursdays. You will submit your one-page reading reviews, midterm, and 15-page essay as Ouriginal assignments on our Quercus page (see the Ouriginal statement below). We will use our Friday time period (10:00 -11:00 AM EST) for our midterm, on February 18, and for one of the seminar groups for the other Fridays.

<u>Evaluation</u>	Two One-Page Reviews	(5% each)	10%
	Seminar Participation	(Up to one potential mark per seminar)	11%
	Midterm Exam	March 3: 10:00 – 11:00 AM)	14%
	15 page essay due	March 23	25%
	Final Exam (3 hours)	Final Exam Period (April 11-28)	40%

This course surveys literature on Canadian economic history between 1850 and 1950, focusing on the debate over the ability of the market mechanism to optimize economic development. Kenneth Norrie, D. Owram, and J.C. Emery's *A History of the Canadian Economy* (Thomson Nelson, 2007) is useful but you need only read the articles given for each lecture.

The following explanation of procedures and evaluation of the course should clarify your responsibilities in the course. Please read it carefully, since this is particularly important in our present circumstances. I will answer questions on this outline in the first hour of the first lecture. If you have any issues, you need to ask about them then. Please take advantage of this, since students must familiarize themselves with the requirements of the course.

The one-hour midterm (Friday, March 3, 10:00 – 11:00 AM) will take place online as a Quercus assignment. The 3-hour final exam (during the final examination period, April 11-28) may take place online or inperson. You will have a choice of 2 out of 3 essay-type questions for the midterm and of 5 out of 8 essay-type questions on the final. You must answer these questions in your own words. Students who miss the midterm for a documented medical reason will write 7, rather than 5, of the 8 questions on the final in 4, rather than 3 hours. If you were to miss the final for some legitimate documented reason, you would write a make-up final, but unfortunately the questions will be much harder since I will have already used the fairest questions for the rest of the class. In short, do not miss an exam unless you are incapacitated.

The 15-page essay (i.e., 15 double spaced pages with normal margins and 12-point type, not including bibliography) analyzes specific primary and secondary sources on one of three topics specified by me concerning issues discussed in the course. You will submit your essay to Ouriginal at our course site on Quercus by midnight, March 23. Since I will provide the readings online, I will not give any extensions. The penalty for lateness is a modest 1% (of 100%) per day up to the last day of class, which is another reason why I will not give extensions.. Late essays are not eligible for remarking. The Faculty of Arts and Science Writings Centres are online this term at <https://writing.utoronto.ca/writing-centres/arts-and-science>. You may wish to consult them for help with your writing. You may need to orally explain your essay to confirm that it is yours.

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Each student will also submit 2 one-page (12 point type, double-spaced, normal margins) written, not point form, reviews of designated pages by one of our authors by 10:00 AM on the Thursday of the week of your review for a potential 5 marks each. Note that there are two different readings each seminar; you are to sign up for only one of them. You will sign up for the readings that you review in either the Thursday or the Friday seminar group in the Reviews tabs under People in Quercus. Students will sign up initially for Review 1 to present in the first 6 weeks and then will sign up later for the second review in the last 5 weeks. Note that there will be only enough review choices as students so that you need to sign up for a review immediately or risk having no available choice. Please submit your review as doc or docx files to the Assignment page for your group. Your review must be entirely on the pages that you are supposed to read; there should be no reference to ideas beyond those readings, although you may consult my notes or other sources to clarify your understanding. The purpose of these reviews is to improve your ability to convey the essence of a reading, not merely to summarize various points, which is why I will deduct 1 mark of the 5 marks for any review that is more than one page or without the proper format. Our TA will edit your review to give feedback on improving your writing, which you can apply in your 15-page essay. The reviews will also help you understand two of our issues as an added bonus. See the *Academic Integrity Statement* below for proper sourcing and writing on reviews and the essay.

You also acquire marks for participating in the seminars from 10:10 to 11:00 AM on either Thursdays or on Fridays. Your seminar group will be the seminar that you signed up for to submit your review. We will assign per seminar ½ mark for a comment relevant to the material and another ½ mark for a comment that actually contributes to the understanding of other students, for a potential of 11 marks during the term.. There are, of course, 0 marks for no comment. You will not receive marks for participating in the lecture discussions, but these will be vital for your understanding.

OUTLINE OF LECTURES AND READINGS (POSTED ON WEBSITE)

January 12 **Introduction and Lecture: The Reciprocity Treaty, 1855 -1866** (Norrie (N): Ch. 8)

"The Canadian-American Reciprocity Treaty of 1855 to 1866"

L.H. Officer and L.B. Smith. *Journal of Economic History* (1968) 28, 598-623

"The Reciprocity Treaty of 1854"

Robert E. Ankli, *Canadian Journal of Economics*, Vol. 4, No. 1(Feb. 1972), 1-20

January 19 **Seminar: Officer and Smith (1968); Ankli (1972)**

Lecture: Agriculture in Lower and Upper Canada, 1800-50 (N Ch. 5 & 6)

"The Rise and Fall of the Ontario Wheat Staple" (Ch. 2, 9-24) and "The Agricultural Crisis in Quebec" (Ch. 3, 25-44), John McCallum. in *Unequal Beginnings: Agriculture and Economic Development in Quebec and Ontario until 1870*. Toronto: 1980. 9-37.

"The Efficiency of the French-Canadian Farmer in the Nineteenth Century", Frank Lewis and Marvin McNis, *Journal of Economic History*, vol. 40, no. 3 (Sept, 1980), pp. 497-514

January 26 **Seminar: McCallum (1980), pp. 25-37; Lewis et al (1980)**

Lecture: The Economic Background of Confederation (N: 158 – 163, Ch. 10)

"The Economic Objectives at Confederation", Donald Creighton

"Toryism, Classical Liberalism, and Capitalism: The Politics of Taxation and the Struggle for Canadian Confederation", Andrew Smith, *Canadian Historical Review*, 89, 1 (March, 2008), pp. 1-25.

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February 2 **Seminar: Creighton; Smith (2008)**

Lecture: The National Policy: Dominion Lands Policy and the CPR (N: 196-203)
"Canada and the Quest for a National Policy", Donald V. Smiley in *The Canadian Journal of Political Science*, vol. 8, no. 1 (March, 1975), pp. 40-62.
"Rate of Return in Railway Investment...of the CPR..."
Peter J. George. *Canadian Journal of Economics*, 1968. 1:740-62.

February 9 **Seminar: Smiley (1975); George (1968)**

Lecture: Manufacture and the National Policy Tariff (N: 163-9, 216-22
"National Policy" and "Tariff and Industrial Expansion". O.J. McDiarmid
Commercial Policy in the Canadian Economy. Cambridge, Mass.: 1946. Ch. VII, VIII, XVI
"Tariff Structure ... and Canadian Protectionism, 1870 – 1910". Eugene Beaulieu and Jevan Chernewchan, *Canadian Journal of Economics*, vol.47, no. 1 (February, 2014), pp. 144-172

February 16 **Seminar: McDiarmid (1946), Ch. VIII 'Industrial'; Beaulieu et al (2014)**

Lecture: The Post-1896 Prairie Settlement Boom (N: 203-06)
"The National Policy and the Rate of Prairie Settlement: A Review",
Ken Norrie *Journal of Canadian Studies*, Fall, 1979
"The Origins of the Canadian Wheat Boom, 1880-1910", Tony Ward
Canadian Journal of Economics, 27, 4 (November, 1994), 865-883.

March 2 **Seminar: Norrie (1979); Ward (1994)**

Lecture: Maritime Economic 'Backwardness' (N: 312-314)
"The National Policy and the Industrialization of the Maritimes, 1880-1910" T.W. Acheson
Acadiensis, vol. 1, #1 (1971), 3-28.
"Maritime Industrialization from 1870 to 1910: A Review of the Evidence and its Interpretation",
Kris Inwood, *Acadiensis*, vol. 21, no. 1 (1991), 132-55

March 3 10:00 – 11:00AM: MIDTERM EXAM

March 9 **Seminar: Acheson (1971); Inwood (1991)**

Lecture: Immigration and Labour
"The Economic Goals of Canada's Immigration Policy: Past and Present", Green, Alan G. and David A. (Dec., 1999), *Canadian Public Policy*, Vol. 25, No. 4, pp. 425-451.
"Immigration and Labour: Australia and Canada Compared", Iacovetta, Franca, Michael Quinlan, and Ian Radforth (Nov., 1996), *Labour History*, No. 71, pp. 90-115.

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March 16 **Seminar: Green et al (1999), pp. 425-435; Iacovetta (1996), pp. 90-103**

Lecture: Determinants of the 1896-1914 Boom (N: 188–194, 208-11)
"New Estimates of Output Growth in Canada". A.G. Green & M.C. Urquhart in *Long-Term Factors in American Economic Growth*. (Engerman & Gallman) 1986. 9-26.
"Canadian Economic Development in the Wheat Boom: A Reassessment"
Marvin McNinnis. Unpublished manuscript

March 23 **Seminar: Green et al (1986); McNinnis**

Lecture: The Great Depression and the 1930s Recovery (N: Ch. 17)
"Conclusion", *The Canadian Economy in the Great Depression*
A.E. Safarian. Toronto: 1970. 233-247.
"Understanding the Great Depression in the United States versus Canada" Pierre Siklos in
World Economy and National Economies in the Interwar Slump, 2000, Theo Balderston

March 30 **Seminar: Safarian, pp. 233-247; Siklos (2000), Sections 3 & 4, pp. 5-17**

Lecture: Monetary Policy and the Bank of Canada (N: 241-5, 331)
"An Analysis of the Canadian Money Supply: 1925-34", Thomas Courchene
Journal of Political Economy, 77 (1969), 363-391.
"Why did the Bank of Canada Emerge in 1935?", M. Bordo and A. Redish
Journal of Economic History, (June 1987) 47: 405-17.

April 6 **Seminar: Courchene, pp. 363-5, 382-390; Bordo et al (1987)**

Lecture: Dominion-Provincial Relations (N: Ch. 16)
"The Rowell-Sirois Report, Provincial Autonomy, and Post-War Canadian Federalism", D.W. Smiley, *Canadian Journal of Economics and Political Science* (1962), 27: 55-69
"Impossible Conditions of Equality", Barry Ferguson
Canadian Historical Review, v.84 #4 (December, 2003), 551-83

VIDEO RECORDING STATEMENT

This course, including your participation, will be recorded on video and will be available to students in the course for viewing remotely and after each session.

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