ECO. 301Y1: FIRST TERM “A” LIST READINGS: for the Fall Term, Sept. - Dec. 2004

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:


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

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

**Topic No. 1 [1]: The Great Famine, the Black Death and the Late Medieval Demographic Crises**


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


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


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


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


Clyde G. Reed and Cliff T. Bekar, ‘Religious Prohibitions Against Usury’, *Explorations in Economic History*, 40:4 (October 2003), 347-68. Note: I was one of the journal’s anonymous referees who recommended publication of this article, even though I disagree strongly with many of its points.