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ECONOMICS 303Y1

The Economic History of Modern Europe, to 1914

SECOND TERM 'A' LIST READINGS: January to April 2013

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Topic No. 6 [12]: The Standard of Living Debate during the 'Industrial Revolution' era, 1770 - 1850: The Social Consequences of Urban Industrialization

Joel Mokyr, *The Enlightened Economy: An Economic History of Britain, 1700 - 1850* (New Haven and London, 2009), chapter 18, 'Living Standards and Inequality', pp. 449-74. ISBN: 9 780 30012455 2

Hans-Joachim Voth, 'Living Standards and the Urban Environment', in Roderick Floud and Paul Johnson, eds., *Cambridge Economic History of Modern Britain*, 3 vols. (Cambridge and New York, 2004), Vol I: *Industrialization, 1700 - 1860*, pp. 268-94. ISBN: 0 521 82036 7

Peter H. Lindert, 'Unequal Living Standards', in Roderick Floud and Donald McCloskey, eds., *The Economic History of Britain Since 1700*, 2nd edition, Vol. 1: *1770 - 1860* (Cambridge, 1994), pp. 357-86. ISBN: 0 521 42520 4

Charles H. Feinstein, 'Pessimism Perpetuated: Real Wages and the Standard of Living in Britain during and after the Industrial Revolution', *Journal of Economic History*, 58:3 (Sept. 1998), 625-58.

Simon Szreter and Graham Mooney, 'Urbanization, Mortality, and the Standard of Living Debate: New Estimates of the Expectation of Life at Birth in Nineteenth-Century British Cities', *The Economic History Review*, 2nd ser., 51:1 (February 1998), 84-112.

N.F.R. Crafts and Terence C. Mills, 'Trends in Real Wages in Britain, 1750-1913', *Explorations in Economic History*, 31:2 (April 1994), 176-94.

**Topic No. 7 [13] : Impediments to Continental Industrialization:
The 'Slow Industrialization' of France, 1789 - 1914**

François Crouzet, 'The Historiography of French Economic Growth in the Nineteenth Century', *The Economic History Review*, 2nd ser., 56:2 (May 2003), 215-42.

Patrick K. O'Brien, 'Path Dependency: Or Why Britain Became an Industrialized and Urbanized Economy Long Before France,' *The Economic History Review*, 2nd ser., 49:2 (May 1996), 213-49.

Paul R. Sharp and Jacob L. Weisdorf, 'French Revolution or Industrial Revolution? A Note on the Contrasting Experiences of England and France up to 1800', *Cliometrica: Journal of Historical Economics and Econometric History*, 6:1 (January 2012), 79-88.

Nicholas Crafts, 'Economic Growth in France and Britain, 1830-1910: Review of the Evidence,' *Journal of Economic History*, 44:1 (March 1984), 49-67.

Colin Heywood, *The Development of the French Economy, 1750 - 1914*, Studies in Economic and Social History series (Basingstoke: Macmillan, 1992), pp. 9-43. ISBN 0 333 48312 X

Robert Aldrich, 'Late-Comer or Early-Starter? New Views on French Economic History', *Journal of European Economic History*, 16 (1987), 89 - 100.

Rondo Cameron, 'Economic Growth and Stagnation in France', in Barry Supple, ed., *The Experience of Economic Growth: Case Studies in Economic History* (New York, 1963), pp. 328-39. ISBN: no number. LC card no. 62-21336; LC catalogue no. HC 54.S86

Rondo Cameron, 'Was England Really Superior to France?' *Journal of Economic History*, 46:4 (Dec. 1986), 1031-39.

David Landes, 'French Entrepreneurship and Industrial Growth in the Nineteenth Century', in Barry Supple, ed., *The Experience of Economic Growth: Case Studies in Economic History* (New York, 1963), pp. 340-53. ISBN: no number. LC card no. 62-21336; LC catalogue no. HC 54.S86

John Vincent Nye, 'Firm Size and Economic Backwardness: A New Look at the French Industrialization Debate,' *Journal of Economic History*, 47:3 (Sept. 1987), 649-70.

Pierre Sicsic, 'Establishment Size and Economies of Scale in 19th-Century France,' *Explorations in Economic History*, 31:4 (October 1994), 453-78.

Ulrich Doraszelski, 'Measuring Returns to Scale in Nineteenth-Century French Industry', *Explorations in Economic History*, 41:3 (July 2004), 256-81.

Topic No. 8 [16]: The Role of the National State and Financial Institutions in European Economic Development: Germany and/or Russia, 1815 - 1914

Germany

W. R. Lee, 'Economic Development and the State in Nineteenth-Century Germany', *Economic History Review*, 2nd ser. 41:3 (Aug. 1988), 346-67.

Wolfram Fischer, 'Government Activity and Industrialization in Germany, 1815 - 1870', in Sima Lieberman, ed., *Europe and the Industrial Revolution* (New York, 1972), pp. 447 - 58. No ISBN: Library of Congress Catalogue No. 74-189099

J.A. Perkins, 'Fiscal Policy and Economic Development in XIXth Century Germany', *Journal of European Economic History*, 13 :2 (Fall 1984), 311-44.

Carsten Burhop, 'Did Banks Cause the German Industrialization?', *Explorations in Economic History*, 43:1 (January 2006), 39-63.

Russia

Paul R. Gregory, 'The Role of the State in Promoting Economic Development: The Russian Case and Its General Implications', in Richard Sylla and Gianni Toniolo, eds., *Patterns of European Industrialization: The Nineteenth Century* (London and New York, 1991), pp. 64 - 79. ISBN 0 415 08156 4

Arcadius Kahan, 'Government Policies and the Industrialization of Russia', *Journal of Economic History*, 27:4 (December 1967), 460-77.

Theodore H. von Laue, 'The State and the Economy,' in C. E. Black, ed., *The Transformation of Russian Society: Aspects of Social Change Since 1861* (Cambridge, Mass., 1960), pp. 209-25. No ISBN. Library of Congress Catalogue no: 60-013286

Alexander Gerschenkron, 'Early Phases of Industrialization in Russia and Their Relationship to the Historical Study of Economic Growth', in Barry Supple, ed., *The Experience of Economic Growth: Case Studies in Economic History* (New York, 1963), pp. 426-44. No ISBN: Library of Congress Catalogue no. 62-2136; LC catalogue no. HC 54.S86

Topic No. 9 [19] **Problems of the British Economy, 1870-1914: The Debate About post 1870 'Industrial Retardation'**

David Edgerton, *Science, Technology and the British Industrial 'Decline', 1870 - 1970*, New Studies in Economic and Social History (Cambridge, 1996), pp. 1 - 69. Over half of this essay is on the 20th century. ISBN 0 521 57778 0

Roderick Floud, 'Britain, 1860 - 1914: A Survey,' in Roderick Floud and Donald McCloskey, eds., *The Economic History of Britain Since 1700*, 3 vols., 2nd edition (Cambridge, 1994), Vol. 2: 1860 - 1939, pp. 1-28. ISBN 0 521 42521 2

S. N. Broadberry, 'How did the United States and Germany Overtake Britain? A Sectoral Analysis of Comparative Productivity Levels, 1870-1990,' *Journal of Economic History*, 58:2 (June 1998), 375-407. Note that over half this article is also on the 20th century; but that provides a better perspective.

Charles Feinstein, 'What Really Happened to Real Wages? Trends in Wages, Prices, and Productivity in the United Kingdom, 1880 - 1913,' *Economic History Review*, 2nd ser. 43:3 (August 1990), 329 - 55.

M. W. Kirby, 'Institutional Rigidities and Economic Decline: Reflections on the British Experience,' *Economic History Review*, 2nd ser., 45:4 (November 1992), 637-60.

Y. Goo Park, 'Depression and Capital Formation: the United Kingdom and Germany, 1873 - 1896,' *The Journal of European Economic History*, 26:3 (Winter 1997), 511-34.

Topic no. 10 [20]: **International Capital Flows and Price Movements under the Gold Standard, ca. 1840 - 1914: Did Real or Monetary Factors Predominate?**

James Foreman-Peck, 'The Heyday of the International Gold Standard, 1875-1914', in his *A History of the World Economy: International Economic Relations Since 1850* (Brighton, 1983), chapter 6, pp. 160-85. ISBN 0745009352

A. G. Ford, 'International Financial Policy and the Gold Standard, 1870 - 1914', in Peter Mathias and Sidney Pollard, eds., *The Cambridge Economic History of Europe*, Vol. VIII: *The Industrial Economies: The Development of Economic and Social Policies* (Cambridge, 1989), pp. 197 - 249. ISBN 0-521-22504-3
LC catalogue no: HC240.C312

Stephen N. Broadberry and N. F. R. Crafts, eds., *Britain in the International Economy, 1870 - 1939*, Studies in Monetary and Financial History (Cambridge, 1992): see the following:

- a) Barry Eichengreen, 'The Gold Standard Since Alec Ford', pp. 49-79.
- b) Forrest Capie, 'British Economic Fluctuations in the Nineteenth Century: Is There a Role for Money?', pp. 80-97.
- c) T.J. Hatton, 'Price-Determination Under the Gold Standard: Britain, 1880 - 1913', pp. 137-56.

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Michael D. Bordo and Hugh Rockoff, 'The Gold Standard as a 'Good Housekeeping Seal of Approval'', *Journal of Economic History*, 56:2 (June 1996), 389-428.

Donald N. McCloskey and J. Richard Zecher, 'How the Gold Standard Worked, 1880-1913', in Barry Eichengreen and Marc Flandreau, eds., *The Gold Standard in Theory and History*, 2nd edn. (London and New York: Routledge, 1997) [1st edn. 1985], pp. 57-75. ISBN 0415150612 (pbk) ISBN: 0415150604 (hbk)

Special Notes

Prescribed Readings:

You are expected to do some of the readings for the **FIVE "A" LIST TOPICS**, which have been selected as the primary essay topics for the Winter-Spring Term of January to April 2013. 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. 2012). 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 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. Publications of such economic historians as David Landes, Charles Kindleberger, Claude Fohlen, Arcadius Kahan, Alexander Gerschenkron, Wolfram Fischer, S.B. Saul, etc., are still worth reading today. 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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