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TOPICS IN THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL HISTORY OF LATE MEDIEVAL AND RENAISSANCE EUROPE, 1260 - 1600

Topic No. 31: Northern Commerce, in the Baltic and North Seas: The Hanseatic League and the Rise of the Dutch Commercial Empire, 1350 - 1600:

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QUESTIONS:

1. What was the significance of the Baltic Sea region (Scandinavia, East Germany, Poland, and Livonia and Russia), and its commerce, for the economic development of western Europe during the later medieval and early modern eras? How did the relative importance of this region change over these two eras: particularly in terms of grains, lumber and naval stores, and metals (copper and iron)?
2. How did the German Hanseatic League evolve, and how did it gain economic hegemony in the Baltic and North Sea regions? Why were the Low Countries so important for the Hanse; and how did the Hanse influence the economic development of the Low Countries during the later Middle Ages?
3. How, when, and why did both the Dutch and the English begin to challenge Hanse supremacy in the Baltic and North Sea trades? Whom did the Hanse regard as the greater threat -- and why? Did they make the correct assessment?
4. What was the importance of the herring fisheries and trade for both the Germans and the Dutch? How, when, and why did the Dutch wrest supremacy in the herring trades from the Hanseatic Germans?
5. How, when, and why did the Dutch gain supremacy in the Baltic shipping trades, defeating both the Germans and the English?
6. What was the importance of the cloth trade for the North-Sea and Baltic shipping powers: i.e. the Hanse Germans, the English, and the Dutch? What role did the cloth industries of the Low Countries, southern and northern, play in this international cloth trade?
7. How did the Dutch gain supremacy in shipbuilding and shipping? Was the supremacy a cause or consequence of their hegemony in the Baltic trades? Why were the English unable to compete effectively in shipbuilding and shipping until the early 18th century?
8. What were the chief factors responsible for the rise of the Dutch towns to commercial power, from the late 14th century to the Revolt of the Netherlands? Discuss in terms of the following:
 - (a) Geographic location of Holland and Zeeland, resources, demography, agrarian and social

- structure.
- (b) The herring fisheries.
 - (c) Commercial relations with the Hanseatic towns, Scandinavia, and the Baltic regions.
 - (d) Commercial relations with the adjacent Low Countries and England.
 - (e) Trade in textiles, fish, salt, lumber, grains, and beer.
9. What was the economic significance of the Revolt of the Netherlands, 1568 (or 1572) to the Truce of 1609 with Spain? In what respects did it contribute, directly or indirectly, to the achievement of Dutch commercial and financial hegemony in the 17th century?
 10. The Dutch urban mercantile economy: medieval or modern?
 11. What factors account for Dutch leadership in banking and finance in the 17th century? How was financial hegemony linked to commercial hegemony?
 12. To what extent did Dutch commercial and financial power produce an industrialized economy in the Netherlands?
 13. How significant were the government and the States General for the expansion of the Dutch economy: in terms of political and military support of Dutch commercial ventures overseas; of protectionist or ‘mercantilist’ legislation; of financial policy?
 14. Assess the economic significance of the Dutch overseas colonial possessions for the Dutch commercial hegemony in the 17th century: the East Indies, Africa, the Caribbean, and North America. In particular, how were the Dutch able to wrest control of the East Indies empire from the Portuguese?
 15. Discuss the role of demographic factors, within Holland itself, and in Europe as a whole in the Dutch economic expansion in the 16th century, and subsequent (relative) decline from the later 17th century.

Table 1.

**Values of Imports into the Southern Netherlands c. 1560
in Million of Gulden (Carolus Florins of 40d gros Flemish)**

Textile Product Imports	Value in Millions of Gulden	Per Cent of Total Import Values	Other Imports	Value in Millions of Gulden	Per Cent of Total Import Values
Raw Silk and Italian Silks	4	21.6%	Baltic grains	3	16.2%
English Woolens	3.24	17.5%	Portuguese Spices	2	10.8%
Spanish Wools*	1.25	6.8%	French wines	1.15	6.2%
English wools	0.5	2.7%	Rhenish wines	0.72	3.9%
French woad	0.4	2.2%	Italian/Spanish/Portuguese wines	0.5	2.7%
German fustians	0.24	1.3%	Portuguese salt	0.25	1.4%
Italian/Spanish alum	0.24	1.3%	French salt	0.25	1.4%
Spanish-American cochineal	0.225	1.2%	Spanish olive oils	0.2	1.1%
			Spanish salt	0.175	0.9%
			German copper	0.16	0.9%
Totals	10.095	54.6%	Totals	8.405	45.4%

* Spanish *merino* wools imported chiefly via Bruges

Table 2.**Shipping Traffic Through the Danish Sund:**

**Percentage Shares Held by Dutch Ships
In Decennial Means, 1580-9 to 1640-9**

Decade	Dutch Ships	Total Ships	Dutch Ships as Percentage of Total Shipping
1580-89	2587	4921	52.5%
1590-99	3275	5623	58.2%
1600-09	2691	4525	59.4%
1610-19	3290	4779	68.8%
1620-29	2405	3726	64.5%
1630-39	1990	3383	58.8%
1640-49	2010	3499	57.4%

Table 3.

The Baltic and English Grain Export Trades
Average Annual Exports in Quarters (of 8 bushels)*

1600-49 to 1700-49

PERIOD	BALTIC**	ENGLAND	TOTAL
1600-59	719250	?	?
1650-99	585900	26250	612150
1700-49	325500	453600	779100

* 1 Quarter = 8 bushels = 64 gallons of grain = 480 lb. (1 bu. = 60 lb.; 6 x 80 = 480 lb.)

* about 80% on the seaborne Baltic grain exports, on average, was carried in Dutch ships (a higher proportion in the earlier than in the later periods).

Table 4.

Average Annual English Grain Exports
in Quarters (of 8 bushels), 1700-09 to 1760-64

DECade	GRAIN EXPORTS IN QUARTERS
1700-09	283000
1710-19	369000
1720-29	426000
1730-39	531000
1740-49	661000
1750-59	655000
1760-64	746000

Table 5.

**Exports of Silver to India and East Asia by the Dutch
and British East India Companies, in Kilograms of Pure Metal**

Decennial Means, 1660-9 to 1710-19

<u>Decade</u>	<u>By the Dutch East India Co.</u>	<u>By the British East India Co.</u>	<u>Total Silver Shipments</u>
1660-69	11,563.1	5,729.6	17,292.70
1670-79	11,854.6	11,364.0	23,218.60
1680-89	18,847.0	29,276.0	48,123.00
1690-99	27,720.9	18,179.0	45,899.90
1700-09	37,392.9	36,294.3	73,687.20
1710-19	37,108.1	41,133.6	78,241.70

Table 6.

Some Statistics on the ‘Decline of the Netherlands’

A. Anglo-Dutch Trade in 1697 and 1773: Values in millions of pounds sterling (£)

Year	ENGLISH IMPORTS			ENGLISH EXPORTS		
	Imports from Holland	Percentage of Total Imports	Total Imports in £	Exports to Holland in £	Percentage of Total Exports	Total Exports in £
1697	£0.507	14.6%	£ 3.483	£1.462	41.5%	£ 3.526
1773	£0.412	3.6%	£11.407	£1.874	12.7%	£14.763

Source: Charles Wilson, Anglo-Dutch Trade and Finance in the Eighteenth Century (Cambridge, 1941), p. 24.

B. Gregory King's Estimates of Population, Per Capita Income and Consumption and of Taxation in Holland, England, and France, in 1695: from ‘Naturall and Political Observations’ (1696)

Country	Population in Millions	Per Capita Income in £ sterling	Public Revenues in £ sterling	Per Capita Taxes in £ sterling	Consumption £ sterling
HOLLAND	2.240	£8.10	£ 6.900	£3.08	£4.69
ENGLAND	5.450	£7.80	£ 6.500	£1.20	£7.15
FRANCE	13.500	£5.90	£17.500	£1.25	£4.91

Source: Charles Wilson, ‘Taxation and the Decline of Empires: An Unfashionable Theme in Economic History,’ in Charles Wilson, Economic History and the Historian (1969), p. 120.

Note that the sum of per capita consumption and per capita taxes exceeds per capita incomes.