ECON 4514: Economic History of Europe Dr. Nicole V. Jobin Univ

Accessing Electronic Copies of Readings:

All of the reading material not found in your main textbooks can be accessed through the course CU Learn site (<u>https://culearn.colorado.edu</u> see more information below). You may also look for articles using the library's journal finder.

http://ucblibraries.colorado.edu/research/ejournalfinder.htm

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Article Presentation and Assessment

You will each be assigned to a group and will be responsible for a 20-minute presentation of a journal article from the reading list. This presentation will be followed by questions on your article from the class and from Prof. Jobin. Your group will also hand in a six page written assessment of the article. Further instructions for this and all other shorter written assignments will be given separately.

Examinations

There will be two examinations. Both the midterm and the final will be take-home examinations. The midterm examination will be posted on the course site (CU Learn) on Friday June 11 and will be due Wednesday June 16. The final will be posted by Friday June 25 and due Friday July 2. Further instructions will be given when exam questions are posted.

Course Web Site

This syllabus and any announcements or updates to the course may all be found on the class web site. Go to <u>https://culearn.colorado.edu</u>. At this page you will need to enter your CU id and password to access CU Learn information. There is also a link to the syllabus and other information for the Economics department at the following site: http://www.colorado.edu/Economics/courses/syllabi-index.html

A Note about Readings:

The Readings will be posted on CU Learn with links where possible. If there is no link, look up the item in one of your texts or use the Journal information provided to find articles on the web through E-Journals via Norlin Library.

This schedule of readings is subject to change. Length of group presentations, class discussion, and other unforeseen circumstances may have an effect on how far we get through the material listed below. I will NOT change the exam dates, but may have to change the presentation dates if we get too far off schedule, so keep in touch with your group and with me. You may also check CU Learn regularly as I will post any changes there.

Schedule of Readings and Assignments (Anything not from your textbooks should have a link on the CU Learn course site under "Readings" including the articles for group presentations

6/15	Irish Potato Famine	
	Group #5: O'Rourke – Did the Great Irish Famine Matter? (Journal of Economic History, March 1991)	
	Before Class: Group prepare for preparation	In Class: Listen to presentation, film clip,
	All class read: Ograda – Black '47 and Beyond p. 3-46	discussion, have questions for group
6/16	Midterm Due	
	Before Class: Complete Midterm	In Class: Turn in Midterm
6/17	Agricultural Revolution	
	Before class: Cameron and Neal p. 160-172, Allen -	In class: Lecture, discussion
	Tracking the Agricultural Revolution in England	
	(Economic History Review, May 1999), Allen –	
	Growth of Labor Productivity in Early Modern	
	English Agriculture (Explorations in Economic	
	History, April 1988)	
6/18	Technological Change	
	Group #6: Liam Brunt – Mechanical Innovation in the Industrial Revolution: The Case of the Plough Design	
	(Economic History Review, August 2003)	
	Before class: Group prepares presentation	In class: Listen to group presentation, lecture, film
	All class reads: Cameron and Neal Ch 7, Mokyr Ch11	clip, have questions for group
6/21	Enclosures and the Commons	
	Group #7: Humphries – Enclosures, Common Rights, and Women: The Proletarinization of Families in the	
	late Eighteenth and Early Nineteenth Centuries (Journal of Economic History, March 1990)	
	Before class: Group prepares presentation	In class: Listen to presentation, discussion, lecture
	All class reads: The Tragedy of the Commons	Short Writing Assignment #4 – In Class
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	<i>and Terror: Urbanization, Stunting, and Smallpox</i> (Economic History Review, November 2003)	
6/28	The Role of Empire	
	Before class: Ward – <i>The Industrial Revolution and</i>	In class: lecture and film clip, discussion
	British Imperialism 1750-1850, Cain and Hopkins – The Political Economy of British Expansion Overseas	
	1750-1914	
6/29	Continental Industrialization	
	Before class: Cameron and Neal Ch 9 & 10, Crouzet –	In class – discussion
	The Historiography of French Economic Growth in	Short Writing Assignment #6 due
	the Nineteenth Century (Economic History Review,	
	May 2003)	
6/30 Growth of the World Economy and the Early 20 th c.		
	Group #10: Ben Bernanke <i>The Macroeconomics of the Great Depression: A Comparative Approach</i> (Jour of Moneof Moneofi(o)fif [(of)s2.4.000 4 (U) (E)i5@) 1 nk(o)f	