

Topics ECON4951 – fall 2018

Topics for the remaining seminars

- Seven «headings»:
 - Demographic transition, famine, family, gender inequality
 - Factor price explanations for the Industrial revolution
 - Great Divergence (Europe vs Asia, West vs East Europe)
 - Changes in inequality, the big picture
 - Country-specific studies of inequality
 - «Big theories»
 - Crises and international perspectives
- May be adjusted depending on student interests (and other things)
- The order of topics will also change

Time schedule

- By the end of Tuesday 11th September: pick first and second choice (or suggest your own)
- Friday 14 September (at the latest): Topics and dates assigned
- Wednesday 26th September: First presentation
 - Then every week (except first week of October)
- Wednesday 14th November: Last presentation

Demographic transition, famine, family, gender inequality

- Hajnal, John (1965). "European marriage pattern in historical perspective" [will be made available]
- Voigtländer/Voth: How the West "invented" fertility restriction <https://www.aeaweb.org/articles?id=10.1257/aer.103.6.2227>
- de Moor and van Zanden: Girl power: the European marriage pattern and labour markets in the North Sea region in the late medieval and early modern period <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1468-0289.2009.00483.x/full>
- Chap 11 of Eilert Sundt's "Om giftermål i Norge"
 - Norwegian: http://www.rhd.uit.no/sundt/bind2/eilert_sundt_bd2b.html
 - English: http://www.rhd.uit.no/sundt/bind2/eilert_sundt_bd2e.html

Demographics / famine (cont. from previous)

- Clark: The Condition of the Working Class in England, 1209-2004. Journal of Political Economy 113 (6)
<http://www.journals.uchicago.edu/doi/abs/10.1086/498123>
 - Possible exercise: Reviews of Clark's 2007 book by McCloskey and Allen, and response by Clark
- Malthus, and interpretation (e.g. Voigtlander and Voth, 3 papers, see reading list)
- R. Lee. The demographic transition: three centuries of fundamental change. Journal of Economic Perspectives, 17(4):167-190, 2003

Factor price explanations for the Industrial Revolution

- Allen, several books and articles, including
 - The Industrial Revolution in Miniature: The Spinning Jenny in Britain, France, and India <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0022050709001326>
- Critiques:
 - Stephenson, Judy: 'Real' wages? Contractors, workers, and pay in London building trades, 1650–1800, Economic History Review, forthcoming <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/ehr.12491/full>
 - Humphries and Weisdorf: The wages of women in England, 1260-1850 <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0022050715000662>
 - Humphries: A critique of the high wage economy interpretation of the British industrial revolution <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0022050715000662>
 - Reply from Allen: The high wage economy and the industrial revolution: a restatement <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/ehr.12079/abstract>

Great Divergence

- Broadberry and Gupta: The early modern great divergence: wages, prices and economic development in Europe and Asia, 1500-1800
<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1468-0289.2005.00331.x/full>
- Allen: The Great Divergence in European Wages and Prices from the Middle Ages to the First World War, <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0014498301907752>
- Bolt and van Zanden: The Maddison Project - collaborative research on historical national accounts
<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/1468-0289.12032/abstract>

Changes in inequality: The big picture

- T. Piketty and E. Saez. The evolution of top incomes: A historical and international perspective. <http://www.jstor.org/stable/30034642>
- Wealth-income ratios: Piketty and Zucman: Capital is back <http://piketty.pse.ens.fr/fichiers/PikettyZucman2014QJE.pdf>
- Kuznets (1955) - <http://www.jstor.org/stable/1811581>
- "Pre-Industrial Inequality" by Milanovic, Lindert and Williamson (dx.doi.org/10.1111/j.1468-0297.2010.02403.x)
- Ravallion and Chen: The developing world is poorer than we thought, but no less successful in the fight against poverty, <http://www.jstor.org/stable/40961014>

Country-specific studies of inequality

- Malinowski and van Zanden: Income and its distribution in preindustrial Poland <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007%2Fs11698-016-0154-5>
- Clark: The condition of the working class in England, 1209-2004 <http://www.jstor.org/stable/10.1086/498123>
- Alfani: Long-term trends in economic inequality: the case of the Florentine state, c. 1300-1800 <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/ehr.12471/full>
- Aaberge, Atkinson and Modalsli: On the measurement of long-run income inequality: Empirical evidence from Norway, 1875-2013 <http://www.ssb.no/en/forskning/discussion-papers/on-the-measurement-of-long-run-income-inequality-empirical-evidence-from-norway-1875-2013>

Country-specific studies (cont.)

- Indonesia: de Zwart and van Zanden, <https://academic.oup.com/ereh/article-lookup/doi/10.1093/ereh/hev007>
- Alfani and Ammannati: Long-term trends in economic inequality: the case of the Florentine State, ca. 1300-1800”, Economic History Review, 2017
<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/ehr.12471/full>
- Various African countries: working papers by Atkinson, see "colonial top incomes" at <http://www.tony-atkinson.com/articles/>
- ...or find your own paper/country!

Big theories of inequality

- Sokoloff and Engerman: Institutions, Factors Endowments, and Paths of Development in the New World. <http://www.jstor.org/stable/2646928>
- Easterly: Inequality does cause underdevelopment: insights from a new instrument <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jdeveco.2006.11.002>
- Acemoglu, Johnson, Robinson: The Colonial Origins of Comparative Development: An Empirical Investigation. <http://www.jstor.org/stable/2677930>
- Galor, Moav, Vollrath: Inequality in Landownership, the Emergence of Human-Capital Promoting Institutions, and the Great Divergence. <https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1467-937X.2008.00506.x>
- Becker and Woessmann, “Was Weber Wrong? A Human Capital Theory of Protestant Economic History” <http://www.jstor.org/stable/40506238>

Crises, international economics

- Gomez-Leon and de Jong: Distribution Dynamics in Turbulent Times: Income inequality in Germany and Britain, 1900-1950 <http://www.ggdc.net/publications/memorandum/gd170.pdf>
- Moene and Wallerstein: How Social Democracy Worked - Labor-Market Institutions <http://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/0032329295023002003?journalCode=pasa>
- Pascali: The Wind of Change- Maritime Technology, Trade and Economic Development <https://www.aeaweb.org/articles?id=10.1257/aer.20140832>
- Ran Abramitzky, Leah Platt Boustan and Katherine Eriksson: Europe's Tired, Poor, Huddled Masses: Self-Selection and Economic Outcomes in the Age of Mass Migration. The American Economic Review Vol. 102, No. 5 <http://www.jstor.org/stable/41724607>

See also

- Milanovic' historical inequality reading list
- https://www.gc.cuny.edu/CUNY_GC/media/CUNY-Graduate-Center/PDF/Centers/LIS/Historical-inequality_2.pdf