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## History of European Capitalism

During the past 250 years, the advent and spread of capitalism revolutionized Europe's economies. Exploring the origins and political, social as well as cultural consequences of this change, this course will deal with a wide range of issues, ranging from the transformation of the countryside in eighteenth-century England, to the emergence of heavy industry in the Ruhr Valley a hundred years later, to the history of European labor movements. We will pay special attention to the connections between Europe and the rest of the world and the varieties of capitalism as they came to characterize the European continent.

*Note:* This course will be taught in Freiburg, Germany, as part of the Harvard College Europe Program, and will include a number of excursions -- from the sites of the slave trade in Liverpool to the cotton mills of Lancashire, from the sites of early industrialization in Alsace to the steel works of the Ruhr. These excursions are free to enrolled Harvard University students and a required part of the course. Freiburg University students will need to pay for the excursions.

### Reading Assignments

The following books should be purchased, all other readings are available on the course website and in the course reader.

- ♣ Eric Hobsbawm, *Industry and Empire: The Birth of the Industrial Revolution* (New Press, 1999).
- ♣ Robert S. Duplessis, *Transitions to Capitalism in Early Modern Europe* (Cambridge University Press, 1997).
- ♣ David S. Landes, *The Unbound Prometheus: Technological Change and Industrial Development in Western Europe from 1750 to the Present* (Cambridge University Press, 2003).
- ♣ Sidney Pollard, *Peaceful Conquest: The Industrialization of Europe, 1760-1970* (Oxford University Press, 1970).
- ♣ Friedrich Engels, *The Condition of the Working Class in England* (Penguin, 1987).
- ♣ Simon Gunn, *The Public Culture of the Victorian Middle Class: Ritual and Authority in the English Industrial City, 1840-1914* (Manchester University Press, 2007).
- ♣ Mike Savage and Andrew Miles, *The Remaking of the British Working Class, 1840-1940* (Routledge, 1994).
- ♣ David F. Crew, *Town in the Ruhr: A Social History of Bochum, 1860-1914* (Columbia University Press, 1986).

- ♣ David Blackbourn and Geoff Eley, *The Peculiarities of German History: Bourgeois Society and Politics in Nineteenth-Century Germany* David Blackbourn and Geoff Eley eds (Oxford, 1984).
- ♣ Eric Hobsbawm, *The Age of Extremes* (Abacus, 1994).
- ♣ Peter A. Hall and David Soskice eds., *Varieties of Capitalism: The Institutional Foundations of Comparative Advantage* (Oxford, 2001).
- ♣ Gøsta Esping-Andersen, *The Three Worlds of Welfare Capitalism* (Princeton, 1990).
- ♣ Gérard Duménil and Dominique Lévy, *The Crisis of Neoliberalism* (Harvard, 2011).

### Course Requirements

1. Attendance and participation in classroom discussions are required. You should be prepared to discuss the reading assignments. Participation will count for **35 percent** of your final grade.
2. An oral presentation of one week's readings, no more than ten minutes long, that draws out the major arguments **and** a five page discussion paper on one of the week's readings, due the day the readings are discussed in class. (**15 percent** of grade)
3. You have two choices for your seminar paper:
  - a. Write a 20 pages research paper on some aspect of the history of European capitalism. The paper could explore the history of a particular town or industry, inquiry into the beliefs of a particular group of people, or examine the rise and fall of a social movement. The exact choice of the research topic is yours, but you need to discuss it with me no later than March 8. You must submit a short outline of the project by March 22, including a concise summary of your topic, a statement of the questions you wish to answer, and a preliminary list of the sources and secondary works you plan to use. The paper is due in my mailbox on May 2, 2012 at 5 PM. (**50 percent** of final grade.)
  - b. Write a 20 page historiographical paper that discusses and critically evaluates the literature on one of the themes of the seminar. Your tasks will include researching a bibliography, choosing five books that have crucially shaped the debated on the topic under review and writing the paper. A draft of the bibliography and a list of the books you plan to review is due on March 22, the final paper is due in my mailbox on May 2, 2012 at 5 PM. (**50 percent** of final grade)

## Schedule of Topics and Readings

February 16

### Origins of Capitalism in Europe

Robert S. Duplessis, *Transitions to Capitalism in Early Modern Europe* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1997), 3-48, 141-189, 259-309.

Robert Brenner, "Agrarian Class Structure and Economic Development in Pre-Industrial Europe" *Past & Present* 70 (Feb., 1976): 30-75.

Fernand Braudel, *Afterthoughts on Material Civilization and Capitalism* (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1979).

February 23

### The British Industrial Revolution. Why then? Why there?

Eric Hobsbawm, *Industry and Empire: The Birth of the Industrial Revolution*, pp. 12-56

David S. Landes, *The Unbound Prometheus* (Cambridge, 2003) pp. 1-123

Charles Tilly, "Social Change in Modern Europe: The Big Picture," in Lenard R.

Berlanstein, ed. *The Industrial Revolution and Work in Nineteenth-Century Europe*, pp. 44-60.

Joseph Inikori, *Africans and the Industrial Revolution in England: A Study in International Trade and Economic Development* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2002), pp. 89-155.

Kenneth Pomeranz, *The Great Divergence: China, Europe, and the Making of the Modern World Economy* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2000), pp. 1-25, 264-300.

March 8

### Revolutions after the Revolution

David S. Landes, *The Unbound Prometheus* (Cambridge, 2003) pp. 124-192.

Alexander Gerschenkron, *Economic Backwardness in Historical Perspective*, pp. 5-51.

Richard Tilly, "Germany," in Richard Sylla and Gianni Toniolo, eds., *Patterns of European Industrialization: The Nineteenth Century*, pp. 175-196.

Richard Sylla and Gianni Toniolo, "Introduction: Patterns of European Industrialization During the Nineteenth Century," in Richard Sylla and Gianni Toniolo, eds., *Patterns of European Industrialization: The Nineteenth Century*, pp.1-26.

Sidney Pollard, *Peaceful Conquest: The Industrialization of Europe, 1760-1970* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1970), pp. 84-190.

Jeff Horn, *The Path Not Taken: French Industrialization in the Age of Revolution, 1750-1830* (Cambridge: The MIT Press, 2006), pp. 1-16, 89-126.

March 9

**The Social Effects of Industrialization: The Example of the English North**

EXCURSION to Liverpool and Manchester, March 9 to March 11

Friedrich Engels, *The Condition of the Working Class in England* (Penguin, 1987) pp., 68-110, 127-158, 223-246, 275-292.

Robert Roberts, *The Classic Slum: Salford Life in the First Quarter of the Century* (New York: Penguin, 1971), pp. 13-58, 75-128.

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" *Economic History Review* 51:1 (Feb., 1998): 84-112.

*Itinerary Outline:*

**Friday**

*AM*

10:00 Departure Basel Airport

11:00 Arrival Manchester Airport

*PM*

12:30 *Visit to Quarry Bank Mill*

4:00 *Walking Tour: 'Cottonopolis'*

**Saturday**

*AM*

8:12 Departure Manchester Oxford Road National Rail to Liverpool Lime Street, 8:58

9:00 *Walking Tour: Commerce in Liverpool*

11:00 *Visit to International Slavery Museum/Mersey Maritime Museum*

*PM*

3:00 *Walking Tour: Liverpool and Slavery*

8:22 Departure Liverpool Lime Street National Rail to Manchester Oxford Road, 9:06

**Sunday**

*AM*

10:00 *Visit to the Manchester Museum of Science and Industry*

12:00 *Visit to the People's History Museum of Manchester*

*PM*

2:00 *Walking Tour: 'Slums and Squalor: Victorian Manchester'*

4:54 Depart Manchester Oxford Road for Manchester Airport, arrive 5:17

6:50 Depart Manchester Airport for Zurich, arrive 9:45

March 15

### **The Rise of the Bourgeoisie**

Jürgen Kocka, "The European Pattern and the German Case," in Kocka, ed. *Bourgeois Society in Nineteenth-Century Europe* (Berg, 1993) pp., 3-29.

Jürgen Kocka, "The Middle Classes in Europe" *The Journal of Modern History* 67:4 (Dec., 1995): pp., 783-806.

Geoff Eley, "The British Model and the German Road: Rethinking the Course of German History before 1914" in *The Peculiarities of German History: Bourgeois Society and Politics in Nineteenth-Century Germany* David Blackbourn and Geoff Eley eds (Oxford, 1984), pp., 39-144.

Simon Gunn, *The Public Culture of the Victorian Middle Class: Ritual and Authority in the English Industrial City, 1840-1914* (Manchester: Manchester University Press, 2007) pp., 10-105, 163-197.

Hartmut Kaelble, "French bourgeoisie and German Bürgertum, 1880-1914" in *Bourgeois Society in Nineteenth-Century Europe*, ed. Jürgen Kocka (Berg, 1993) pp., 273-301.

March 22

### **The Second Industrial Revolution and the Rise of Corporate Capitalism [QUESTION]**

Eric Hobsbawm, *Industry and Empire: The Birth of the Industrial Revolution*, pp. 87-131.

Patrick Fridenson, "France: The relatively slow development of big business in the twentieth century" in *Big Business and the Wealth of Nations* Alfred D. Chandler Jr., Franco Amatori and Takashi Hikino, eds. (Cambridge, 1997), pp., 207-245.

Richard Deeg, *Finance Capitalism Unveiled: Banks and the German Political Economy* (Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 1999). [**prohibitively expensive to buy, 70 euro**] key chapter seems to be 2, "Origins and Evolution of the Federalist Banking System" pp., 29-72; also chap 1, "Financial Systems and Modes of Capitalism" pp., 1-28; perhaps assign 1 and 2, pp., 1-72. [**PAGES? rb**]

Sven Beckert, "From Tuskegee to Togo: The Problem of Freedom in the Empire of Cotton" *Journal of American History* 92:2 (Sep., 2005): pp. 498-526. [28]

Mike Savage and Andrew Miles, *The Remaking of the British Working Class, 1840-1940* (New York: Routledge, 1994) pp. 41-56. [15]

Philip Manow, "Welfare State Building and Coordinated Capitalism in Japan and Germany" in *The Origins of Nonliberal Capitalism: Germany and Japan in Comparison* Wolfgang Streeck and Kozo Yamamura, eds. (Cornell, 2001) pp., 94-120. [26]

March 29

**Labor, Work, Labor Movements and the Rise of Socialism in Europe**

David F. Crew, *Town in the Ruhr: A Social History of Bochum, 1860-1914*, pp. 59-73, 159-194.

Charles Tilly, "Did the Cake of Custom Break?" in Merriman, ed., *Consciousness and Class Experience in Nineteenth Century Europe*, pp. 17-39.

Mike Savage and Andrew Miles, *The Remaking of the British Working Class, 1840-1940* (New York: Routledge, 1994) pp. 1-40, 57-91.

Jon Lawrence, "Class and Gender in the Making of Urban Toryism, 1880-1914" *English Historical Review* 108 No. 428 (July, 1993): pp. 629-652.

Noel Thompson, *Political Economy and the Labour Party* (New York: Routledge, 2003), pp. 1-67.

Roger Magraw, "Socialism, Syndicalism and French Labour" in *Labour and Socialist Movements in Europe Before 1914* ed. Dick Geary (Berg, 1992) pp., 48-100.

Dick Geary, "Socialism and the German Labour Movement" in *Labour and Socialist Movements in Europe Before 1914* ed. Dick Geary (Berg, 1992) pp., 101-136.

March 30-March 31

**Excursion: The Ruhr Valley and German Heavy Industry**

David F. Crew, *Town in the Ruhr: A Social History of Bochum, 1860-1914*, pp. 1-58. [58]

April 5

**Liberalism and Capitalism in Crisis: Inter-War Europe and Fascism**

Eric Hobsbawm, *The Age of Extremes* (London: Abacus, 2009) pp., 21-141.

Carl Levy, "Fascism, National Socialism and Conservatives in Europe, 1914-1945: Issues for Comparativists" *Contemporary European History* 8:1 (Mar., 1999): 97-126.

James E. Cronin, "Labor Insurgency and Class Formation: Comparative Perspectives on the Crisis of 1917-1920 in Europe" *Social Science History* 4:1 (Winter, 1980): 125-152.

Tim Mason, *Nazism, Fascism and the Working Class: Essays by Tim Mason* (Cambridge University Press, 1996) pp., 231-273.

David Abraham, "State and Classes in Weimar Germany" *Politics & Society* (Sept., 1977): 229-266.

April 12

## Varieties of Capitalism in Europe

Peter A. Hall and David Soskice eds., *Varieties of Capitalism: The Institutional Foundations of Comparative Advantage* (Oxford, 2001).

Katherine Thelen, "Varieties of Labor Politics in the Developed Democracies" pp., 71-103.

Stewart Wood, "Business, Government, and Patterns of Labor Market Policy in Britain and the Federal Republic of Germany" pp., 247-274.

Bob Hancké, "Revisiting the French Model: Coordination and Restructuring in French Industry" pp., 307-336.

Peter A. Hall, "The Evolution of Varieties of Capitalism in Europe" in *Beyond Varieties of Capitalism: Conflict, Contradictions, and Complementaries in the European Economy*

Bob Hancké, Martin Rhodes and Mark Thatcher eds. (Oxford, 2007) pp. 39-88.

Colin Crouch, "Typologies of Capitalism" in *Debating Varieties of Capitalism: A Reader*

Bob Hancké ed. (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2009) pp., 75-94.

Gøsta Esping-Andersen, *The Three Worlds of Welfare Capitalism* (Princeton, 1990) pp., 1-143.

April 19

## The Future of Capitalism in Europe

Gérard Duménil and Dominique Lévy, *The Crisis of Neoliberalism* (Harvard, 2011) pp., 7-44, 55-72, 101-142, 207-266, 297-338. [195]

Robin Blackburn, "The Subprime Crisis" *New Left Review* 50 (Mar.-April, 2008): 63-106.

Perry Anderson, "Depicting Europe" *London Review of Books* 29:18 (Sept., 20, 2007): pp., 13-21.

Friedrich Schneider and Gebhard Kichgassner, "Financial and World Economic Crisis: What Did Economists Contribute?" *Public Choice* 3/4 (Sep., 2009): 319-327.

Charles Maier, "Demystifying Disaster: The Long-Term Origins of the Sub-prime Crisis" Lecture at the University College of London (Dec., 7, 2009).

Youtube Video: RSAnimate of David Harvey's Lecture, "The Crises of Capitalism"

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qOP2V\\_np2c0&feature=relmfu](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qOP2V_np2c0&feature=relmfu)