Current trends in economic history

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The purpose of this seminar is to discuss recent and current developments in the field of economic history. Opening with a short historiography of the discipline, sessions are then devoted to the relationships between economic history and history on one hand, and economic history and economics on the other. The use and abuse of quantitative methods in economic history is the focus of a methodology session. Four themes at the frontier of historical research are discussed: financial history; global history; business history; and the history of international economic relations. The seminar will conclude by examining the future of economic history, including students' own projects.

Programme

12 January - The history of economic history

19 January - Economic history and history

26 January - Economic history and economics
Methodology reading:

Papers for discussion:


Additional reading:

2 February - Financial history

9 February - Global history


16 February - Business history


23 February – Quantitative methods in economic history

Methodology reading:


Paper for discussion:


Additional reading:


8 March – No class

Week reserved for preparing February paper

1 March - International economic relations


Barry Eichengreen (2011), Exorbitant privilege: The rise and fall of the dollar and the future of the international monetary system, Oxford University Press, Oxford. [Read at least pp. 1-8; 39-68]