

10070 Historia Económica I

Topic 1. Market limitations prior to 1750

- 1.1. Population and resources in societies without technological change: the Malthusian model. Secular population fluctuations
- 1.2. Restraints and incentives for agrarian development. The fragility of surplus.
- 1.3. International commerce and imperial colonies.

Topic 2. The Industrial Revolution in Europe (1750-1870)

- 2.1. Why Europe?
- 2.2. The initial stages of British industrialization.
 - 2.2.1. Agrarian revolution, transport and commercial intensification.
 - 2.2.2. The proto-industry.
 - 2.2.3. Changes in the volume and composition of demand for consumer goods.
- 2.3. Technological and organizational changes.
- 2.4. The diffusion of industrialization through continental Europe.
- 2.5. Institutional change and Market developments.
- 2.6. Endowment of productive factors and economic growth of the first industrializations.
- 2.7. The demographic transition.

Topic 3. The integration of international Economy (1870-1913)

- 3.1. Commercial policies: from mercantilism to free trade.
- 3.2. The transport and communications revolutions.
- 3.3. The operation of an integrated international economy: the first era of globalization.
 - 3.3.1. International commerce.
 - 3.3.2. External European emigration and its implications.
 - 3.3.3. International movements of capital.
 - 3.3.4. The Gold standard monetary system.
- 3.4. Other effects of the first globalization: Agrarian crisis and the new colonialism.
- 3.5. The second industrial revolution and the economic ascent of the United States.

Topic 4. Ruptures in the international economy (1913-1950)

- 4.1. The consequences of the First world War.
 - 4.1.1. The economic effects of the War.
 - 4.1.2. The economic consequences of peace.
- 4.2. The stability failure of the Twenties.
- 4.3. The disintegration of the global economy : commerce, international migrations and movements of capital.
- 4.4. The Great depression.
- 4.5. Economic recovery and commercial and monetary blocks.
- 4.6. The soviet economy.
- 4.7. The Second World War.

Topic 5. Reconstruction and Growth

- 5.1. Institutional basis of the post-war reconstruction.

- 5.2. Bretton Woods, the cold war and the Marshall plan.
- 5.3. The beginning of European integration.
- 5.4. The growth factors of the great blocks in the international economy.

Topic 6. Crisis and restructuring of the international economy (1973-2000)

- 6.1. A structural crisis of industrialized economies: Inflation and Recession.
- 6.2. The Bretton Woods failure.
- 6.3. Petrol shocks.
- 6.4. The debt crisis.
- 6.5. The collapse of the "Real socialist" economies".
- 6.6. The third technological revolution.

Bibliography

As well as the mandatory reading you are given a list of 5 books of which you will have to choose one, which will be the basis of a question for the final exam. You will be given instructions at the beginning of the course.

Mandatory reading

LIVI BACCI, Massimo. *Historia mínima de la población mundial*. Barcelona: Ariel, 1990.
POLLARD, Sidney. *Wealth & Poverty. An Economic History of the 20th Century*. Londres: Harrap, 1990.
ZAMAGNI, Vera. *Historia económica de la Europa contemporánea. De la revolución industrial a la integración europea*. Barcelona: Crítica, 2001.

Choice of reading (Only one which will be the basis for one question in the final exam)

JAY, Peter. *La riqueza del hombre. Una historia económica de la humanidad*. Barcelona: Crítica, 2000.
JONES, E. L. *El milagro europeo*. Madrid: Alianza Universidad, 1994.
LANDES, David S. *La riqueza y la pobreza de las naciones*. Barcelona: Crítica, 2000.
O'ROURKE, Kevin; WILLIAMSON, Jeffrey G. *Globalization and History. The Evolution of a Nineteenth Century Atlantic Economy*. Cambridge Mass.: MIT Press, 1999.
POMERANZ, Kenneth. *The Great Divergence. China, Europe, and the Making of the Modern World Economy*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2000.