

**University of Colorado, Boulder
Department of Economics**

**Econ 4514
Economic History of Europe
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Lectures: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2:00-3:15 p.m.
HLMS 211

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Prerequisites: Econ 3070 or 3080, Intermediate Micro or Intermediate Macro.

Course Description: This course examines the transformation of European economies from a circumstance in which Malthusian population pressure on resources was the dominant historical force to one in which growth in income per-

in the Second Millenium. (Princeton, 2007).

Joel Mokyr, *The Lever of Riches: Technological Creativity and Economic Progress.* (Oxford, 1990)

Joel Mokyr, *The Enlightened Economy: An Economic History of Britain.* (Yale, 2010).

Douglass C. North, *Structure and Change in Economic History.* (W.W. Norton, 1981).

 rke and Jeffrey Williamson, *Globalization and History: The Evolution of a Nineteenth Century Economy.*

Persson, Karl Gunnar, *An Economic History of Europe: Knowledge, Institutions, and Growth,*

Topic Outline and Readings

Abbreviations: *EG*, *Economic Geography*
EEH, *Explorations in Economic History*
EHR, *Economic History Review*
JEH, *Journal of Economic History*
JEP, *Journal of Economic Perspectives*
JIH, *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*
JLE, *Journal of Law and Economics*
PDR, *Population and Development Review*
SSR, *Social Science History*

Video clips used in this class are from

Feudal Order; Common life in the Middle Ages;
Middle Ages; Late Middle Ages; The National Monarchies; The Renaissance and the New World.

Part I

Preliminaries: Overview of Global Long-Run Growth

tion, pp. 1-4.

Cameron and Neal, Ch. 1 and 2.

Malthusian Dynamics

Clark, *Farewell to Alms*, Ch. 2 and 3, "The Logic of the Malthusian Economy" and

In-class exercise on the Malthusian model.

Pre-Industrial Living Standards

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JEP, Winter 2006.

Fogel. (2004). *The Escape from Hunger and Premature Death, 1700-2100, Europe, America and the Third World*, pp. 1-21.

Demography and Fertility

In-class exercise on growth rates and population.

European Family Structure and Marriage Patterns

: the European marriage pattern and labour markets in
the North Sea region in the late m *EHR*, Feb. 2010.

Hajnal, "Two kinds of pre-industrial household formation system," *PDR*, Sept 1982.

Agricultural Risks in Medieval Europe

Cameron and Neal, Ch. 3, pp. 44-54.

McCloskey, : Preface to a Study of Its Impact on the Efficiency
of English Agriculture in the Eighteenth Century *JEH*, March 1972.

Group A: Richardson, "The Prudent Village: Risk Pooling Institutions in the Medieval Village"
JEH, June 2005, 65(2).

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