



Slide 1: What is good about the paper?

Slide 2: What is a weakness of the paper?

Slide 3: An idea for further improvement, or ideas for further research.

After the main presentation, students discuss their response and critique. The idea is to initiate more discussion and participation in an environment like this. Initial work is done.

Give a literature review on 6-10 papers on a certain research agenda, 5% of grade. Please send me your selections by March 1.

A midterm 5-page (double-spaced) draft of your paper proposal and presentation, 15% of grade. The proposal should motivate an open question in economic history.







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#### 4. Transmission of Knowledge and Techniques

***Why were new technologies invented and adopted in Britain but not elsewhere? Was human capital an important condition for technological leadership? Were guilds important for blocking new innovations? What types of situations and data sets allow the testing of assumptions about conditions that may lead to more knowledge production?***

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#### 5. Property rights: Open fields vs. enclosure (fencing)

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## VI. Comparative Approaches: The Role of History

### 1. China and Europe

***Why did growth begin in the 18<sup>th</sup>–19<sup>th</sup> centuries and not before? Was Britain more productive than China early on? Why did growth start in Britain and not China or somewhere else? What are sources of difference between Britain and other regions and when did they emerge? What kinds of evidence can be used to show that these differences mattered to economic performance?***

#### **Student presentation (3/7):**

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Robert Allen, 2009. "Agricultural productivity and rural incomes in England and the Yangtze Delta, c.1620–c.1820", *The Economic History Review* 62 (3).

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Kenneth Pomeranz, 2001. *The Great Divergence: China, Europe, and the Making of the Modern World Economy*. Princeton University Press.

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### 2. Intergenerational mobility and inequality; migration and assimilation

***What does the comparison of intergenerational mobility in Britain and the United States reveal about trends in the two countries in inequality? What explains the persistence of inequality over time? There has also been a renewed interest in mobility, thanks to linking of census records:***

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**Student Presentation (3/9):** Perez, Santiago, 2017. (South) American Dream: Mobility and Economic Outcomes of First and Second Generation Immigrants in Nineteenth Century

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*The Journal of Economic History* 60, no. 1: 123-44.

#### 4. Culture, Beliefs, Norms

**Student Presentation (4/13)**: Fernandez Raquel and Alessandra Fogli

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**Student presentation (4/18)**: Yuyu Chen,

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*Journal of Political Economy* 115(6): 1020-1048.

Alesina, Alberto, Paola Giuliano, and Nathan Nunn, 2013.

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Yuriy Gorodnichenko, Gerard Roland; Culture, Institutions, and the Wealth of Nations. 2017. *The Review of Economics and Statistics*, 99 (3): 402-416.

Nathan Nunn, James A Robinson, and Jonathan L Weigel. 2017.

*Econometrica*, 85 (4), 1065-1091.

#### 5. Political Economy, Conflict, Power

**Student presentation (4/20)**: Ying Bai, Ruixue Jia, Jiaojiao Yang. 2022. Web of Power: How Elite Networks Shaped War and Politics in China, *The Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 2022

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