

## **Europe in the Early Modern World**

This seminar will examine aspects of European history in the early modern period with a view to comparing them with other societies and placing them in the context of the larger early modern world. We will also consider to what extent “the early modern world” has value as an historical concept.

Enrolled students will lead class discussion in a week of his or her choosing and prepare two historiographical essays.

### **24 January Introduction**

Thomas Brady, Heiko Oberman, and James D. Tracy, “Introduction: Renaissance and Reformation, Late Middle Ages and Early Modern Era,” in Brady, Oberman and Tracy, eds., Handbook of European History, 1400-1600, Vol 1 (E.J. Brill, 1994), pp. xiii-xxiv

### **31 January Big Pictures: World Systems**

Fernand Braudel, Afterthoughts on Material Civilization and Capitalism (Johns Hopkins University Press, 1977), entire.

Immanuel Wallerstein, The Modern World System, Vol. 1 (Academic Press, 1974): Introduction: On the study of social change, pp. 3-11; Ch. 2, The new European division of labor, pp. 67-129.

### **7 February Big Pictures: Eurasia**

Eric L. Jones, The European Miracle (Cambridge University Press, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 1987), Chs 1-7, pp. 3-149; Ch. 12, 225-38.

Andre Gunder Frank, ReOrient: Global Economy in the Asian Age (University of California Press, 1998), Ch. 1-2, pp. 1-130.

Kenneth Pomeranz, The Great Divergence. China, Europe and the Making of the Modern World Economy (Princeton University Press, 2000), Introduction and Part I, pp. 3-107.

### **14 February Big Pictures: Did Malthus say it all?**

Emmanuel LeRoy Ladurie, “Motionless History,” Social Science History 1 (1977): 115-36.

E. A. Wrigley, Continuity, Change and Change. The Character of the Industrial Revolution in England (Cambridge University Press, 1988), Chs 1-3, pp. 1-97

Gregory Clark, A Farewell to Alms. A Brief Economic History of the World (Princeton University Press, 2007), Part I, pp. 1-189.

**21 February                    A First Era of Globalization?**

Malyn Newitt, A History of Portuguese Overseas Expansion, 1400-1668 (Routledge, 2005), Chs 1-5, pp. 1-173

Jan de Vries, "Connecting Europe and Asia: A Quantitative Analysis of the Cape-route Trade, 1497-1795," in Dennis Flynn, Arturo Giraldez, and Richard von Glahn, eds., Global Connections and Monetary History, 1470-1800 (Ashgate, 2003), pp. 35-106.

**28 February                    Globalization, continued.**

P. J. Marshall, ed, The Oxford History of the British Empire, Vol. II: The Eighteenth Century (Oxford University Press, 1998): Ch. 3., Patrick O'Brien, "Inseparable Connections: Trade, Economy, Fiscal State and the Expansion of Empire, 1688-1815," pp. 53-77; Ch. 20, David Richardson, "The British Empire and the Atlantic Slave Trade, 1660-1807," pp. 440-64; Ch. 22, P. J. Marshall, "The British in Asia: Trade to Dominion, 1700-1765," pp. 487-507.

Harold J. Cook, Matters of Exchange. Commerce, Medicine, and Science In the Dutch Golden Age (Yale University Press, 2007), Ch. 1-2, pp. 1-81.

**6 March                            Climate, Ecology, and Environment**

Jan de Vries, "Measuring the Impact of Climate Change on History: The Search for Appropriate Methodologies," Journal of Interdisciplinary History 10 (1980): 599-630. Also in, Robert I. Rotberg and Theodore K. Rabb, eds., Climate and History (Princeton University Press, 1981), pp. 19-50.

John F. Richards. The Unending Frontier. An Environmental History of the Early Modern World (University of California Press, 2003), Introduction and Part I, The Global Context, pp. 1-85.

**13 March                            No Meeting**

**20 March                            Climate Ecology, and Environment, continued. First paper due**

Alfred W. Crosby, Ecological Imperialism. The Biological Expansion of Europe, 900-1900 (Cambridge University Press, 1986).

**27 March                            Spring Break**

**3 April**                      **Women, Households, and Cities**

Katherine A. Lynch, Individuals, Families, and Communities in Europe, 1200-1800 (Cambridge University Press, 2003).

**10 April**                      **Women, Households, and Cities, continued.**

Mary S. Hartman, The Household and the Making of History. A Subversive View of the Western Past (Cambridge University Press, 2004).

**17 April**                      **Toleration**

Benjamin J. Kaplan, Divided by Faith. Religious Conflict and the Practice of Toleration in Early Modern Europe (Harvard University Press, 2007).

**24 April**                      **Cosmopolitanism**

Margaret C. Jacob, Strangers Nowhere in the World. The Rise of Cosmopolitanism in Early Modern Europe (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2006).

**1 May**                              **What Gave Birth to the Modern World?**

C. A. Bayly, The Birth of the Modern World, 1780-1914 (Blackwell Publishing, 2004), Introduction and Part I, The End of the Old Regime, pp. 1-120.

**8 May**                              **Review**                      **Second paper due.**