ECO. 301Y1: FIRST TERM A-LIST READINGS: for the Fall Term, Sept. - Dec. 2013

As was stressed in the course outline, this is not a text-book course; and, therefore, there are no prescribed textbooks for which you will be responsible on the final examination. I do, however, recommend the following two books as supplementary aids to guide you in what are the prescribed readings for the course, and in the lectures. If not necessarily the best, they are still in print, and available in the bookstore.


Prescribed Readings:

You are instead expected to do some of the readings for the FIVE “A” LIST TOPICS, selected for the Fall Term of 2013 as the primary essay topics, for this year. All five of these topics will appear on the mid-year test and also on the final examination. Therefore, in reading the following essays and journal articles, you will be doing the major research preparations for both your first term essay and for these examinations. Although the accompanying short-format bibliographies for these five topics do list current journal articles, the following package of readings does not necessarily contain such articles. I have chosen those articles and essays, chiefly older ones, that have proved to be seminal or of at least major importance in inspiring or in guiding the debates for the themes in these selected essay topics. Many recent articles are, of course, just partial responses to earlier articles on these debates, or contributions in minor areas of these debates.

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The Economic History of Later Medieval and Early Modern Europe, 1250 - 1750

A- LIST READINGS for the FIRST TERM (FALL): September to December 2013

The numbers in square brackets refer to the topic numbers for these particular topics given on the Master List of Essay and Reading Topics for ECO 301Y.

Topic No. 1 [1]: The Black Death, the Late Medieval Demographic Crises, and the Standard of Living Controversies


Topic No. 2 [3]: The Problem of Serfdom in European Economic Development, II: The Spread of Serfdom in Eastern Europe, ca. 1400 - ca. 1700


c) William H. Hagen, ‘Subject Farmers in Brandenburg-Prussia and Poland: Village Life and Fortunes under Manorialism in Early Modern Central Europe’, pp. 296-310.


**Topic No. 3 [4]: Feudal Governments, Warfare, Taxation, and ‘Economic Crises’ in Later Medieval Europe, 1280 - 1500**


Topic No. 4 [6]: Monetary Problems and Economic Conjuncture in Late-Medieval Europe: Monetary Forces and Economic Crises during the 14th and 15th Centuries


Topic No. 5 [7]: The Church, the Usury Question, and Late-Medieval Banking


Mark Koyama, ‘Evading the “Taint of Usury”: The Usury Prohibition as a Barrier to Entry’, *Explorations in Economic History*, 47:4 (October 2010), 420-42. Warning: highly mathematical; but the econometrics may well appeal to some economics specialists.