

3 Lectures for Graduate Lecture Course at CES University of Munich

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Title of course: "An Introduction to Global Economic History"

"The Deconstruction and Reconstruction of Metanarratives in the Global History of Material Progress"

Select reading:

- P. Costello: World Historians and Their Goals (1993)
- A. Gunder Frank, ReOrient: Global Economy in the Asian Age (1998)
- D. Held et al: Global Transformations (1999)
- E. Jones: Growth Recurring. Economic Change in World History (1988)
- D. Landes: The Wealth and Poverty of Nations (1998)
- A. Maddison: The World Economy. A Millennial Perspective (2001)

"European Imperialism and the Great Divergence"

Select reading:

- R. Blackburn: The Making of New World Slavery (1997)
- J. Blount: The Colonizers Model of the World
- Introduction to P. Cain and M. Harrison (eds.) Imperialism. Critical Concepts in Historical Studies (2001)
- A.W. Crosby: Ecological Imperialism. The Biological Expansion of Europe (1986)
- P.K. O'Brien and L. Prados De La Escosura (eds.): The Costs and Benefits of European Imperialism — Special issue of Revista de Historia Economica (1998)
- K. Pomeranz: The Great Divergence. China, Europe and the Making of the World Economy (2000)
- G Raudsens: Empires. Europe and Globalization 1492-1788 (1999)

"The Needham Question: Science and Technology in the Economic History of China and Western Europe"

Select reading:

- G. Basalla: The Evolution of Technology (1998)
- V. Rutton: Technology, Growth and Development (2001)
- G. Goody: The East in the West (1996)
- T. Huff: The Rise of Early Modern Science. Islam, China and the West (1993)
- S. Shapin: The Scientific Revolution (1996)
- M. Adams: Machines as the Measure of Man: Science, Technology and Ideologies of Western Dominance (1989)
- E. Jones: Growth Recurring (1988)
- J. Needham: The Great Titration. Science and Society in East and West (1969)