

# ECONOMIC HISTORY 771



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## Work programme:

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Intro	The rise of African economic history  <b>Johan Fourie</b>	<i>Additional reading:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Anthony Hopkins, 2009. The New Economic History of Africa, <i>Journal of African History</i>, 50 (2009),155–77.</li><li>• Margo, Robert A. The Integration of Economic History into Economics. No. w23538. National Bureau of Economic Research, 2017.</li><li>• Fourie, Johan. 2016. The data revolution in African economic history. <i>Journal of Interdisciplinary History</i>. XLVII:2 (Autumn, 2016), 193–212.</li><li>• Fourie, Johan. 2019. Who writes African economic history? <i>Economic History of Developing Regions</i>, 34:2, 111-131.</li></ul>
Historical episodes	The Neolithic Revolution	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Olsson, Ola, and Christopher Paik. "Long-run cultural divergence: Evidence from the Neolithic Revolution." <i>Journal of Development Economics</i> 122 (2016): 197-213.</li><li>2) Gören, Erkan. "The persistent effects of novelty-seeking traits on comparative economic development." <i>Journal of Development Economics</i> 126 (2017): 112-126.</li><li>3) Galor, Oded and Ömer Özak. 2016. "The Agricultural Origins of Time Preference." <i>American Economic Review</i>, 106(10): 3064-3103.</li><li>4) Michalopoulos, Stelios, Louis Putterman, and David N. Weil. "The influence of ancestral lifeways on individual economic outcomes in Sub-Saharan Africa." <i>Journal of the European Economic Association</i> 17, no. 4 (2018): 1186-1231.</li></ol>
Historical episodes	The Industrial Revolution	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>5) Joel Mokyr, 2008. "The Institutional Origins of the Industrial Revolution?" in Elhanan Helpman, ed., <i>Institutions and Economic Performance</i>. Harvard University Press, pages 64-119.</li><li>6) Wallis, Patrick, Justin Colson, and David Chilosì. "Structural change and economic growth in the British economy before the Industrial</li></ol>

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Historical episodes	Slavery	<p>9) Olmstead, A.L. and Rhode, P.W., 2018. Cotton, slavery, and the new history of capitalism. <i>Explorations in Economic History</i>, 67, pp.1-17.</p> <p>10) Nathan Nunn and Leonard Wantchekon. 2011. "The Slave Trade and the Origins of Mistrust in Africa", <i>American Economic Review</i>. 101(7):3221-3252.</p> <p>11) Martins, I., Fourie, J. and Cilliers, J. 2019. Expropriation with partial compensation: Slaveholders' reparations and intergenerational outcomes. Paper presented at the ASSA Meetings, Atlanta.</p> <p>12) Whatley, W.C., 2018. The gun-slave hypothesis and the 18th century British slave trade. <i>Explorations in economic history</i>, 67, pp.80-104.</p>
Historical episodes	Colonialism	<p>13) Michalopoulos, Stelios, and Elias Papaioannou. "The long-run effects of the scramble for Africa." <i>American Economic Review</i> 106, no. 7 (2016): 1802-48.</p> <p>14) Huillery, E., 2014. The black man's burden: The cost of colonization of French West Africa. <i>The Journal of Economic History</i>, 74(1), pp.1-38.</p> <p>15) van Waijenburg, M., 2018. Financing the African Colonial State: The Revenue Imperative and Forced Labor. <i>The Journal of Economic History</i>, 78(1), pp.40-80.</p> <p>16) Frankema, E., Williamson, J. and Woltjer, P., 2018. An Economic Rationale for the West African Scramble? The Commercial Transition and the Commodity Price Boom of 1835–1885. <i>The Journal of Economic History</i>, 78(1), pp.231-267.</p>
The roots of growth	Innovation and technology	<p>17) Phillip Hoffman. 2012. Why was it Europeans who conquered the world? <i>Journal of Economic History</i>, 72, 3, 601-633.</p> <p>18) Moser, Petra. "Patents and Innovation in Economic History." <i>Annual Review of Economics</i> 8 (2016): 241-258.</p> <p>19) Hanlon, W.W., 2015. Necessity is the mother of invention: Input supplies and Directed Technical Change. <i>Econometrica</i>, 83(1), pp.67-100.</p> <p>20) Okoye, Dozie, Roland Pongou, and Tite Yokossi. "New technology, better economy? The heterogeneous impact of colonial railroads in Nigeria." <i>Journal of Development Economics</i> 140 (2019): 320-354.</p>
The roots of growth	The state	<p>21) Johnson, Noel D., and Mark Koyama. "States and economic growth: Capacity and constraints." <i>Explorations in Economic History</i> 64 (2017): 1-20.</p> <p>22) Acemoglu, Daron, Tristan Reed, and James A. Robinson. "Chiefs: Economic development and elite control of civil society in Sierra Leone." <i>Journal of Political Economy</i> 122.2 (2014): 319-368.</p> <p>23) Satyanath, Shanker, Nico Voigtländer, and Hans-Joachim Voth. "Bowling for fascism: Social capital and the rise of the Nazi Party." <i>Journal of Political Economy</i> 125, no. 2 (2017): 478-526.</p> <p>24) Chiovelli, Giorgio, Stelios Michalopoulos, and Elias Papaioannou. Landmines and Spatial Development. No. w24758. National Bureau of Economic Research, 2018.</p>

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The roots of growth	Human capital	<p>29) Mara Squicciarini and Nico Voigtlander. 2015. Human capital and Industrialization. Evidence from the Age of Enlightenment. <i>Quarterly Journal of Economics</i>. 130 (4): 1825-1883.</p> <p>30) Fourie, J. and Von Fintel, D. 2014. Settler skills and colonial development: the Huguenot wine-makers in eighteenth-century Dutch South Africa. <i>Economic History Review</i>. 67(4): 932-963.</p> <p>31) Rocha, Rudi, Claudio Ferraz, and Rodrigo R. Soares. "Human capital persistence and development." <i>American Economic Journal: Applied Economics</i> 9, no. 4 (2017): 105-36.</p> <p>32) Remi Jedwab, Felix Meier zu Selhausen and Alexander Moradi. 2018. The Economics of Missionary Expansion: Evidence from Africa and Implications for Development. CSAE working paper.</p>
The roots of growth	Trade, globalization and migration	<p>33) De Zwart, Pim. "Globalization in the Early Modern Era: New Evidence from the Dutch-Asiatic Trade, c. 1600-1800." <i>The Journal of Economic History</i> 76.2 (2016): 520-558.</p> <p>34) Bleakley, H. and Lin, J., 2012. Portage and path dependence. <i>The Quarterly Journal of Economics</i>, 127(2), pp.587-644.</p> <p>35) De Bromhead, A., Fernihough, A., Lampe, M. and O'Rourke, K.H., 2019. When Britain turned inward: The impact of Interwar British protection. <i>American Economic Review</i>. 109(2): 325-352.</p> <p>36) Abramitzky, Ran, Leah Platt Boustan, and Katherine Eriksson. "Have the poor always been less likely to migrate? Evidence from inheritance practices during the Age of Mass Migration." <i>Journal of Development Economics</i> 102 (2013): 2-14.</p>
Hot topics	Measuring welfare	<p>37) Fourie, Johan. "The remarkable wealth of the Dutch Cape Colony: measurements from eighteenth-century probate inventories", <i>The Economic History Review</i> 66, no. 2 (2013): 419-448.</p> <p>38) Broadberry, Stephen, Hanhui Guan, and David Daokui Li. "China, Europe, and the great divergence: a study in historical national accounting, 980-1850." <i>The Journal of Economic History</i> 78, no. 4 (2018): 955-1000.</p> <p>39) De Haas, M., 2017. Measuring rural welfare in colonial Africa: did Uganda's smallholders thrive? <i>The Economic History Review</i>, 70(2), pp.605-631.</p> <p>40) Chingozha, T. and von Fintel, D., 2017. Using Remote Sensing and Census Data to Estimate the Welfare and Migration Effects of Land Reform in Developing Countries: Evidence from Zimbabwe.</p>
Hot topics	Gender and demography	<p>41) Tine de Moor and Jan Luiten van Zanden, 2010. "Girl power: the European marriage pattern and labour markets in the North Sea region in the late medieval and early modern period," <i>Economic History Review</i>, vol. 63(1), pages 1-33.</p> <p>42) James Fenske. 2015. African polygamy: past and present. <i>Journal of Development Economics</i>. 117, 58-73.</p>

		<p>43) Francisco Marco Gracia and Johan Fourie. 2019. Missing boys: Explaining South Africa's unbalanced sex ratios. ERSA Working Paper 804.</p> <p>44) Nava Ashraf, Natalie Bau, Nathan Nunn, and Alessandra Voena. 2020. Bride Price and Female Education. <i>Journal of Political Economy</i>. In press.</p>
Hot topics	Health	<p>45) Alsan, Marcella. "The effect of the tsetse fly on African development." <i>American Economic Review</i> 105.1 (2015): 382-410.</p> <p>46) Lowes, Sara, and Eduardo Montero. "Mistrust in Medicine: The Legacy of Colonial Medical Campaigns in Central Africa." (2017).</p> <p>47) Hanlon, W. 2018. "London Fog: A Century of Pollution and Mortality, 1866-1965" NBER working paper: <a href="https://www.nber.org/papers/w24488">https://www.nber.org/papers/w24488</a></p> <p>48) Calvi, R. and Mantovanelli, F.G., 2018. Long-term effects of access to health care: Medical missions in colonial India. <i>Journal of Development Economics</i>, 135, pp.285-303.</p>
Hot topics	Mobility	<p>49) Cilliers, Jeanne, and Johan Fourie. "Occupational Mobility during South Africa's Industrial Take-Off." <i>South African Journal of Economics</i> 86, no. 1 (2018): 3-22.</p> <p>50) Pérez, Santiago. "The (South) American Dream: Mobility and Economic Outcomes of First-and Second-Generation Immigrants in Nineteenth-Century Argentina." <i>The Journal of Economic History</i> 77.4 (2017): 971-1006.</p> <p>51) Clark, Gregory, and Neil Cummins. "Intergenerational Wealth Mobility in England, 1858–2012: Surnames and Social Mobility." <i>The Economic Journal</i> 125.582 (2015): 61-85.</p> <p>52) Meier zu Selhausen, Felix, Marco HD van Leeuwen, and Jacob Louis Weisdorf. "Social mobility among Christian Africans: Evidence from Anglican marriage registers in Uganda, 1895-2011." (2017).</p>
Hot topics	Crime and conflict	<p>53) Dimico, Arcangelo, Alessia Isopi, and Ola Olsson. "Origins of the Sicilian mafia: The market for lemons." <i>The Journal of Economic History</i> 77.4 (2017): 1083-1115.</p> <p>54) Besley, Timothy, and Marta Reynal-Querol. "The legacy of historical conflict: Evidence from Africa." <i>American Political Science Review</i> 108.2 (2014): 319-336.</p> <p>55) Feigenbaum, James J., and Christopher Muller. "Lead exposure and violent crime in the early twentieth century." <i>Explorations in economic history</i> 62 (2016): 51-86.</p> <p>56) Johan Fourie, Kris Inwood and Martine Marriotti, 2020. Military technology and sample selection bias. <i>Social Science History</i>. In press.</p>
Hot topics	Race, segregation and discrimination	<p>57) Alsan, Marcella, and Marianne Wanamaker. "Tuskegee and the health of black men." <i>The Quarterly Journal of Economics</i> 133.1 (2017): 407-455.</p> <p>58) Eriksson, Katherine, and Zachary Ward. "The Residential Segregation of Immigrants in the United States from 1850 to 1940." <i>The Journal of Economic History</i> 79, no. 4 (2019): 989-1026.</p> <p>59) Cook, L.D., Logan, T.D. and Parman, J.M., 2016. The mortality consequences of distinctively black names. <i>Explorations in Economic History</i>, 59, pp.114-125.</p> <p>60) Abel, Martin. "Long-run effects of forced resettlement: evidence from Apartheid South Africa." <i>The Journal of Economic History</i> 79, no. 4 (2019): 915-953.</p>

## Assessment and assignment

<p><b>Honours:</b> Class participation: 40% Essay: 60% (20% presentation, 40% written)</p>	<p><i>Essay details:</i> Harvard referencing style Topic to be decided in consultation with lecturer Word limit: 3000 words Essay presentation: 2 May 2020 Deadline: 15 May 2020</p>
<p><b>Masters:</b> Class participation: 30% Essay: 40% (10% presentation, 30% written) Take-home exam: 30%</p>	<p><i>Essay details:</i> Harvard referencing style Topic to be decided in consultation with lecturer Word limit: 4000 words Essay presentation: 2 May 2020 Deadline: 15 May 2020 Take exam: TBC; 24-hour exam to be submitted electronically (can write from anywhere)</p>