

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON
Department of History
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History 321

Economic Life in Medieval Europe

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Required Texts:

N.J.G. Pounds, An Historical Geography of Europe (Cambridge)
David Herlihy, Medieval Households (Harvard)
M.M. Postan, The Medieval Economy and Society (Penguin-Pelican)
Georges Duby, The Early Growth of the European Economy: Warriors and Peasants (Cornell)

Course Requirements:

MID-TERM AND FINAL EXAMINATIONS

3 Credit Option: short essay (4-5 pages)
4 Credit Option: term paper (10-12 pages)
Honors: Please see instructor
PAPERS DUE: Thursday, November 29

Lecture Schedule

9/3-8	Introduction: Sources and Methodology Pounds, Intro to Pt.I, ch.1
9/10-15	The Economy of the Ancient World Pounds, ch.2 Herlihy, ch.1
9/17-22	Early Germanic Society Pounds, Intro to Pt.II, ch.3 Duby, pp. 3-47 Herlihy, ch.2 Postan, ch.1
9/24-29	Mediterranean and North Sea Trade in the Early Middle Ages Pounds, ch.4 Duby, pp. 48-76
10/1-6	The Rise of Dependent Cultivation: Lords and Peasants Herlihy, ch.3 Duby, pp. 77-111 Postan, ch.5
10/8-13	Feudal Society in the High Middle Ages Duby, pp. 157-180 Postan, ch.10 (pt. 1 and 2) Herlihy, ch.4

10/15-20 The Medieval Frontier 1000-1250
Pounds, ch.5
Duby, pp. 112-156, 181-210
Postan, chs. 2,4 (pts. 1-3), 6,7,8 (pts. 1-5), 9(pts. 1 & 2)

Thurs 10/22 **MID-TERM EXAMINATION**

10/27-29 The Revival of Trade
Duby, pp. 211-270
Postan, chs. 11 and 13

11/9-5 Growth of Towns and Municipal Institutions
Pounds, ch.6, pp. 142-172
Postan, ch. 12 (pt. 1 and 2)

11/10-12 Medieval Industry
Pounds, ch.6, pp. 172-185

11/17-19 Plague and Economic Recession
Pounds, ch.7, pp. 187-193
Postan, ch.3
Herlihy, chs. 5 & 6

11/24 The Late Medieval Village
Pounds, ch.7, pp. 193-195
Postan, ch.8 pt.6; ch.9 pts. 3 & 4; ch.10, pt.3

11/26-12/2 THANKSGIVING RECESS

12/8-10 Town and Industry in the Late Middle Ages
Pounds, ch.7, pp. 195-209
Postan, ch.12 pt.3

12/15 Toward the Modern Economy
Pounds, Intro to Pt. III, ch.8

MON. Dec. 21 at 2:45 P.M. FINAL EXAMINATION