

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 30

Lecture Schedule

- 9/2-7 Introduction: Sources and Methodology
Pounds, Intro to Pt.I, ch.1
- 9/9-14 The Economy of the Ancient World
Pounds, ch.2
Herlihy, ch.1
- 9/16-21 Early Germanic Society
Pounds, Intro to Pt.II, ch.3
Duby, pp. 3-47
Herlihy, ch.2
Postan, ch.1
- 9/23-28 Mediterranean and North Sea Trade in the Early Middle Ages
Pounds, ch.4
Duby, pp. 48-76
- 9/30-10/5 The Rise of Dependent Cultivation: Lords and Peasants
Herlihy, ch.3
Duby, pp. 77-111
Postan, ch.5
- 10/7-12 Feudal Society in the High Middle Ages
Duby, pp. 157-180
Postan, ch.10 (pt. 1 and 2)
Herlihy, ch.4

10/14-19 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. 10/21 **MID-TERM EXAMINATION**

10/26-28 The Revival of Trade
 Duby, pp. 211-270
 Postan, chs. 11 and 13

11/2-4 Growth of Towns and Municipal Institutions
 Pounds, ch.6, pp. 142-172
 Postan, ch. 12 (pt. 1 and 2)

11/9-11 Medieval Industry
 Pounds, ch.6, pp. 172-185

11/16-18 Plague and Economic Recession
 Pounds, ch.7, pp. 187-193
 Postan, ch.3
 Herlihy, chs. 5 & 6

11/13-30 The Late Medieval Village
 Pounds, ch.7, pp. 193-195
 Postan, ch.8 pt.6; ch.9 pts. 3 & 4; ch.10, pt.3

TUES. 11/30 PAPERS ARE DUE

12/2-7 Town and Industry in the Late Middle Ages
 Pounds, ch.7, pp. 195-209
 Postan, ch.12 pt.3

12/9-14 Toward the Modern Economy
 Pounds, Intro to Pt. III, ch.8

THURS. DEC. 23 10:05 A.M. FINAL EXAMINATION