History 321 Economic Life in Medieval Europe  M. F. Mazzaoui

Required Texts:

N. J. G. Pounds, *An Economic History of Medieval Europe* (Longman)
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 pp.)
4 Credit Option: term paper (10-12 pp.)
Honors: Please see instructor

PAPERS DUE: December 1

Lecture Schedule

9/6-8 Introduction: Sources and Methodology

The Late Roman Economy

Pounds, pp. 1-40
Herlihy, ch. 1

9/13-15 Early Germanic Society

Social and Economic Structures in Early Medieval Europe

Pounds, pp. 41-46, 67-71
Duby, pp. 3-47
Herlihy, ch. 2
Postan, ch. 1

9/20-22 Mediterranean Trade in the Early Middle Ages: The Pirenne Thesis and its Critics

Byzantium, Islam and Carolingian Europe

Pounds, pp. 71-89
Duby, pp. 48-76

9/27-29 The Rise of Dependent Cultivation: Lordship and Peasant

The Crisis of the Tenth Century

Pounds, pp. 46-47
Herlihy, ch. 3
Duby, pp. 77-111
Postan, ch. 5
Trends in Demography and Technology
The Agricultural Frontier 1050-1250

Pounds, pp. 90-222
Duby, pp. 112-156, 181-210
Postan, chs. 2, 4 (pts. 1-3), 6, 7, 8 (pts. 1-5), 9
(pts. 1 and 2)

Feudal Society in the High Middle Ages
Social Mobility, Class Values and Family Structure

Duby, pp. 157-180
Postan, ch. 10 (pt. 1 and 2)
Herlihy, ch. 4

Tues. 10/18, MIDTERM EXAMINATION

The Revival of Trade: Routes and Commodities
Money, Credit and Business Institutions

Pounds, pp. 338-430
Duby, pp. 211-270
Postan, chs. 11 and 13

Growth of Towns and Municipal Institutions
Urban Social Classes

Pounds, pp. 223-278
Postan, ch. 12 (pt. 1 and 2)

Medieval Industry: Guild and Entrepreneurial Structures
Wealth and Poverty in Town and Countryside

Pounds, pp. 279-337

The Black Death and Demographic Crisis
Economic Recession

Pounds, pp. 440-448, 483-487
Postan, ch. 3
Herlihy, chs. 5 and 6

Social Unrest and Reconstruction
The Late Medieval Village

Pounds, pp. 476-483
Postan, ch. 8 pt. 6; ch. 9 pts. 3 and 4; ch. 10, pt. 3

THANKSGIVING RECESS
11/29-12/1  Town and Industry in the 14th and 15th Centuries
Patterns of International Trade

Pounds, pp. 448-476
Postan, ch. 12 pt. 3

12/6-8  Economic Regulation in the Late Middle Ages
Public Finance

Pounds, pp. 430-439

12/13-15 Toward the Modern Economy: The Theses of Braudel and
Wallerstein
Review Session

No Assignment

Fri.
Dec. 23  2:45 P.M.  FINAL EXAMINATION