THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
Department of History
Semester I, 1989-90

History 321 Economic Life in Medieval Europe M. F. Mazzaoui
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Required Texts:

N. J. G. Pounds, An Economic History of Medieval Europe (Longman)
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 pp.)
4 Credit Option: term paper (10-12 pp.)
Honors: Please see instructor
PAPERS DUE: December 1

Lecture Schedule

9/5-7 Introduction: Sources and Methodology
The Late Roman Economy

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

9/12-14 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

9/19-21 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

9/26-28 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
10/3-5 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)

10/10-12 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. 10/17, MIDTERM EXAMINATION

10/19-24 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

10/26-31 Growth of Towns and Municipal Institutions
Urban Social Classes

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

11/2-7 Medieval Industry: Guild and Entrepreneurial Structures
Wealth and Poverty in Town and Countryside

Pounds, pp. 279-337

11/9-14 The Black Death and Demographic Crisis
Economic Recession

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

11/16-21 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

11/23-26 THANKSGIVING RECESS
11/28-30 Town and Industry in the 14th and 15th Centuries
Patterns of International Trade

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

12/5-7 Economic Regulation in the Late Middle Ages
Public Finance

   Pounds, pp. 430-439

12/12-14 Toward the Modern Economy: The Theses of Braudel and
Wallerstein
Review Session

   No Assignment

Monday
Dec. 18  2:45 P.M.  FINAL EXAMINATION
I. General Surveys

H. Pirenne, Economic and Social History of the Middle Ages
N.J.G. Pounds, Economic History of Medieval Europe (see bibliography)
R. Bautier, Economic Development of Medieval Europe
C.M. Cipolla, Before the Industrial Revolution
A. Fourquin, Histoire Economique de l'Occident Medieval
Cambridge Economic History of Europe, vols. 1-3 (CEH)
F. Braudel, The Mediterranean ... in the Age of Phillip II

II. General Surveys of Early Middle Ages

G. Duby, The Early Growth of the European Economy: Warriors and Peasants
R. Latouche, Birth of the Western Economy
P. Riché, Daily Life in the World of Charlemagne
R. Hodges and D. Whitehouse, Charlemagne and the Origins of Europe
R. Hodges, Dark Age Economics
S.L. Thrupp, ed., Early Medieval Society
Spoleto Conference series on the early Middle Ages

III. General Surveys--Later Middle Ages

S.L. Thrupp, ed., Change in Medieval Society 1050-1500
H. Miskimin, The Economy of Early Renaissance Europe
J. Heers, L'Occident aux XIVe et XVE siecles
D. Waley, Later Medieval Europe
M. Aston, The Fifteenth Century
M. Hastings, Medieval European Society 1000-1400

IV. National and Regional Histories--England

J.Z. Titow, English Rural Society 1200-1350
M. Postan, Medieval Economy and Society (see select bibliography)
H.C. Darby (ed.), An Historical Geography of England before A.D. 1800
R. Lennard, Rural England 1086-1135
H. Finberg (ed.), Agrarian History of England and Wales
H.R. Loyn, Anglo-Saxon England and the Norman Conquest
V. Germany

W. Abel, Geschichte der deutschen Landwirtschaft
P. Dollinger, The German Hansa
J.H. Gade, Hanseatic Control of Norwegian Commerce during the Late M.A.
F. Rorig, The Medieval Town

VI. Low Countries

H. Pirenne, Early Democracies in the Low Countries
D. Nicholas, Town and Countryside: Social, Economic and Political Tensions in Fourteenth Century Flanders

VII. France

G. Duby, all titles
M. Bloch, Feudal Society
———, French Rural History
G. Duby and E. Le Roy Ladurie, eds., Histoire de la France Rurale v. 1-2

VIII. Spain

J. Vicens Vives, An Economic History of Spain
S.M. Imamuddin, Socio-Economic and Cultural History of Muslim Spain
R. Burns, Several titles on Muslim Spain

IX. Italy

J.K. Hyde, Society and Politics in Medieval Italy
G. Luzzato, Economic History of Medieval Italy
CEH vol. I: essay on Italian agriculture by Philip Jones (a classic)
D. Waley, Italian City-Republics
D. Herlihy, 2 vols. of essays in Variorum series

X. Special Topics: Agriculture

CEH vol. I
B.H. Slicher Van Bath, The Agrarian History of Western Europe, 500-1850
G. Duby, Rural Economy and Country Life in the Medieval West
G. Fourquin, L Paysan d’Occident au Moyen Age
W. Abel, Agricultural Fluctuations in Europe from the Thirteenth to the Twentieth Centuries
XI. The Family

D.O. Hughes, 'From Bridepiece to Dowry in Mediterranean Europe'
B. Hanawalt, The Ties that Bound: Peasant Families in Medieval England
D. Herlihy, Medieval Households (see bibliography)
D. Herlihy and C. Klapisch-Zuber, Tuscans and Their Families
C. Klapisch-Zuber, Women, Family and Ritual in Renaissance Italy
G. Duby, Feudal Marriage
J. Neers, Family Clans in the Middle Ages
J. Goody et al., Family and Inheritance: Rural Society 1200-1800
E. Power, Medieval Women

XII. Cities

E. Ennen, The Medieval Town
H. Pirenne, Medieval Cities
B. Griffith and C.G. Thomes, The City-State in Five Cultures
F. Rorig, The Medieval Town
S. Reynolds, An Introduction to the History of English Medieval Towns
D. Waley, Italian City-Republics
P. Adams and E.A. Wrigley, Towns in Societies

XIII. The Church and Economic Theory

J.W. Baldwin, Medieval Theories of the Just Price
J. Gilchrist, The Church and Economic Activity in the Middle Ages
L.K. Little, Religious Poverty and the Profit Economy in Medieval Europe
B.N. Nelson, The Idea of Usury
J.T. Noonan, The Scholastic Analysis of Usury
B. Tierney, Medieval Poor Law

XIV. Trade

A. R. Lewis and T. Runyon, European Naval and Maritime History 300-1500
S.L. Thrupp, The Merchant Class of Medieval England
M. Postan, Medieval Trade and Finance
R.S. Lopez, The Commercial Revolution of the Middle Ages
F.C. Lane, Venice, A Maritime Republic
E. Ashtor, Levant Trade in the Later Middle Ages

XV. The Islamic World

M. Lombard, The Golden Age of Islam
S.D. Goitein, A Mediterranean Society
E. Ashtor, Economic History of the Near East in the Middle Ages
XVI. Technology

L. White, Jr., Medieval Technology and Social Change
F. C. Lane, Ships and Shipbuilders
J. Gimpel, The Medieval Machine
B. Gille, Histoire Générale des Techniques
C. Singer, (et al.), A History of Technology vol. 2

XVII. Money, Credit and Banking

M. Lombard, Monnaie et histoire d'Alexandre à Mahomet
C. Cipolla, Money, Prices and Civilization in the Mediterranean World
A. P. Usher, The Early History of Deposit Banking
H. A. Miskimin, Money, Prices and Foreign Exchange in 14th Century France
R. De Roover, Money, Banking and Credit in Medieval Bruges
J. Munro, Wool, Cloth and Gold
A. Watson, "Back to Gold and Silver," Economic History, Rev. 2nd ser. vol. XX (1967)
J. Richards, ed., Precious Metals in Later Medieval and Early Modern Worlds
See notice of medieval currency databank in RLIN Newsletter 1987

XVIII. Popular Revolts in the Late Middle Ages

R. H. Hilton, Bondsmen Made Free: Medieval Peasant Movements
R. H. Hilton and Aston, The English Rising of 1381
R. H. Hilton, Peasants, Knights and Heretics
Il tumulto dei Ciompi: un momento di storia fiorentina ed europea
M. Mollat and P. Wolff, Ongles Bleus, Jacques et Ciompi: les revolutions populaires en Europe au XIV et XV siecles

XIX. Demography

P. Ziegler, The Black Death
W. H. McNeill, Plagues and Peoples
M. Dols, The Black Death in the Middle East
W. L. Bowsky, The Black Death: A Turning Point in History?
J. C. Russell, Late Ancient and Medieval Population
D. Herlihy, Medieval and Renaissance Pistoia
E. Carpentier, Une Ville Devant La Peste: Orvieto
E. Baratier, La Demographie Provencale du XIII au XVI Siecles
T. H. Hollingsworth, Historical Demography
XX. Climate

H.H. Lamb, The Changing Climate
E. Le Roy Ladurie, Times of Famine, Times of Famine

XXI. Drainage and Reclamation

H.C. Darby, The Draining of the Fens
____________, The Changing Fenland
W.H. TeBrake, Medieval Frontier: Culture and Ecology in Rejnland