UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON
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Semester 1, 1990-91

History 321 Economic Life in Medieval Europe
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Required Texts:
- 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)

Recommended Texts:
- N. J. G. Pounds, An Economic History of Medieval Europe (Longman)

Course Requirements:
MID-TERM AND FINAL EXAMINATIONS
- 3 Credit Option: short essay (5 pages)
- 4 Credit Option: term paper (10-12 pages)
HONORS: Please see instructor
PAPERS DUE: November 28

Lecture Schedule
9/5-10 Introduction: Sources and Methodology
The Late Roman Economy
   Herlihy, ch. 1
   Rec: Pounds, pp. 1-40

9/12-17 Early Germanic Society
Social and Economic Structures in Early Medieval Europe
   Duby, pp. 3-47
   Herlihy, ch. 2
   Postan, ch. 1
   Rec: Pounds, pp. 41-46, 67-71

9/19-24 Mediterranean Trade in the Early Middle Ages: The Pirenne Thesis and its Critics
   Byzantium, Islam and Carolingian Europe
   Duby, pp. 48-76
   Rec: Pounds, pp. 71-89

9/26-10/1 The Rise of Dependent Cultivation: Lordship and Peasant
The Crisis of the Tenth Century
   Herlihy, ch. 3
   Duby, pp. 77-111
   Postan, ch. 5
   Rec: Pounds, pp. 46-47

10/3-8 Trends in Demography and Technology
The Agricultural Frontier 1050-1250
   Duby, pp. 112-156, 181-210
   Postan, chs. 2, 4(pts. 1-3), 6, 7, 8(pts. 1-5), 9(pts. 1 & 2)
   Rec: Pounds, pp. 90-222
10/10-15 Feudal Society in the High Middle Ages
   Social Mobility, Class Values and Family Structure
   Duby, pp. 157-180
   Postan, ch. 10 (pts. 1 and 2)
   Herlihy, ch. 4

Tues.
10/17 MID-TERM EXAMINATION

10/22-24 The Revival of Trade: Routes and Commodities
   Money, Credit and Business Institutions
   Duby, pp. 211-270
   Postan, chs. 11 and 13
   Rec: Pounds, pp. 338-430

10/29-31 Growth of Towns and Municipal Institutions
   Urban Social Classes
   Postan, ch. 12 (pt. 1 and 2)
   Rec: Pounds, pp. 223-278

11/5-7 Medieval Industry: Guild and Entrepreneurial Structures
   Wealth and Poverty in Town and Countryside
   Rec: Pounds, pp. 279-337

11/12-14 The Black Death and Demographic Crisis
   Economic Recession
   Postan, ch. 3
   Herlihy, chs. 5 and 6
   Rec: Pounds, pp. 440-448, 483-487

11/19-21 Social Unrest and Reconstruction
   The Late Medieval Village
   Postan, ch. 8 pt. 6; ch. 9 pts. 3 and 4; ch. 10, pt. 3
   Rec: Pounds, pp. 476-483

11/22-25 THANKSGIVING RECESS

11/26-28 Town and Industry in the 14th and 15th Centuries
   Patterns of International Trade
   Postan, ch. 12 pt. 3
   Rec: Pounds, pp. 448-476

11/28 TERM PAPERS DUE

12/3-5 Economic Regulation in the Late Middle Ages
   Public Finance
   Rec: Pounds, pp. 430-439

12/10-12 Toward the Modern Economy: The Theses of Braudel and Wallerstein
   Review Session
   No Assignment

Monday
December 17 10:05 A.M. FINAL EXAMINATION