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

Required Texts:

M.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: November 21

Lecture Schedule

9/3-5  Introduction: Sources and Methodology
       Pounds, Intro to Pt.I, ch.1

9/10-12 The Economy of the Ancient World
       Pounds, ch.2
       Herlihy, ch.1

9/17-19 Early Germanic Society
       Pounds, Intro to Pt.II, ch.3
       Duby, pp. 3-47
       Herlihy, ch.2
       Postan, ch.1

9/24-26 Mediterranean and North Sea Trade in the Early Middle Ages
       Pounds, ch.4
       Duby, pp. 48-76

10/1-3  The Rise of Dependent Cultivation: Lords and Peasants
       Herlihy, ch.3
       Duby, pp. 77-111
       Postan, ch.5

10/8-10 Feudal Society in the High Middle Ages
       Duby, pp. 157-180
       Postan, ch.10 (pt. 1 and 2)
       Herlihy, ch.4

10/15-17 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)
10/24-29  The Revival of Trade
           Duby, pp. 211-270
           Postan, chs. 11 and 13

10/31-11/1 Growth of Towns and Municipal Institutions
           Pounds, ch.6, pp. 142-172
           Postan, ch. 12 (pt. 1 and 2)

11/5-7  Medieval Industry
           Pounds, ch.6, pp. 172-185

11/12-14 Plague and Economic Recession
           Pounds, ch.7, pp. 197-193
           Postan, ch.3
           Herlihy, chs. 5 & 6

11/19-26 The Late Medieval Village
           Pounds, ch.7, pp. 193-195
           Postan, ch.8 pt.6; ch.9 pts. 3 & 4; ch.10, pt.3

11/28-12/2 THANKSGIVING RECESS

12/3-5  Town and Industry in the Late Middle Ages
           Pounds, ch.7, pp. 195-209
           Postan, ch.12 pt.3

12/10-12 Toward the Modern Economy
           Pounds, Intro to Pt. III, ch.8

WED. Dec. 18  12:25 P.M.  FINAL EXAMINATION