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

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 29

Lecture Schedule

9/3-8  Introduction: Sources and Methodology
Pounds, Intro to Pt.I, ch.1

9/10-15 The Economy of the Ancient World
Pounds, ch.2
Herlihy, ch.1

9/17-22 Early Germanic Society
Pounds, Intro to Pt.II, ch.3
Duby, pp. 3-47
Herlihy, ch.2
Postan, ch.1

9/24-29 Mediterranean and North Sea Trade in the Early Middle Ages
Pounds, ch.4
Duby, pp. 48-76

10/1-6 The Rise of Dependent Cultivation: Lords and Peasants
Herlihy, ch.3
Duby, pp. 77-111
Postan, ch.5

10/8-13 Feudal Society in the High Middle Ages
Duby, pp. 157-180
Postan, ch.10 (pt. 1 and 2)
Herlihy, ch.4
10/15-20  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 10/22  MID-TERM EXAMINATION

10/27-29  The Revival of Trade  
Duby, pp. 211-270  
Postan, chs. 11 and 13

11/9-5  Growth of Towns and Municipal Institutions  
Pounds, ch.6, pp. 142-172  
Postan, ch. 12 (pt. 1 and 2)

11/10-12  Medieval Industry  
Pounds, ch.6, pp. 172-185

11/17-19  Plague and Economic Recession  
Pounds, ch.7, pp. 187-193  
Postan, ch.3  
Herlihy, chs. 5 & 6

11/24  The Late Medieval Village  
Pounds, ch.7, pp. 193-195  
Postan, ch.8 pt.6; ch.9 pts. 3 & 4; ch.10, pt.3

11/26-12/2  THANKSGIVING RECESS

12/8-10  Town and Industry in the Late Middle Ages  
Pounds, ch.7, pp. 195-209  
Postan, ch.12 pt.3

12/15  Toward the Modern Economy  
Pounds, Intro to Pt. III, ch.8

MON. Dec. 21 at 2:45 P.M.  FINAL EXAMINATION