

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON
Department of History
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History 321

Economic Life in Medieval Europe

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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: 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)

Tues. 10/22 MID-TERM EXAMINATION

- 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. 187-193
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