

University of Wisconsin-Madison
Department of History
Semester I, 1987-88

History 571
American Industrialization
in Comparative Perspective

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4116 Humanities, 263-1854
Ofc. hrs. MW 11-12 p.m.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Timely and thorough reading of the assignments is mandatory. In addition, each student will be responsible for initiating discussion of the readings at one session during the semester.

The principal requirement of the class will be a term paper on one aspect of industrialization, comparing the American experience with that in one or more of the other three countries. A preliminary draft (about 10 pages), based on assigned readings, will be due on November 9; after revision and incorporation of additional research from outside sources, the final draft (about 25 pages) will be due on December 14.

The final grade will be based on class participation (30%), the preliminary paper draft (30%), and the final paper (40%).

REQUIRED BOOKS

- Chandler and Daems, eds., Managerial Hierarchies: Comparative Perspectives on the Rise of the Modern Industrial Enterprise (Harvard U. Press, 1983).
- Phyllis Deane, The First Industrial Revolution, 2d ed. (Cambridge University Press, 1979).
- Ira Katznelson and Aristide R. Zolberg, Working-Class Formation: Nineteenth-Century Patterns in Western Europe and the United States (Princeton University Press, 1986).
- Douglass C. North, Terry L. Anderson, and Peter J. Hill, Growth and Welfare in the American Past, 3rd ed. (Prentice-Hall, 1983).
- Clive Trebilcock, The Industrialization of the Continental Powers, 1780-1914 (Longman, 1981).

SEMESTER SCHEDULE

September 14. Comparative Methodology

- Degler, Carl N. "In Pursuit of an American History." American Historical Review 92 (February 1987): 1-12.
- Grew, Raymond. "The Comparative Weakness of American History." Journal of Interdisciplinary History 16 (Summer 1985): 87-101.
- Frederickson, George M. "Giving a Comparative Dimension to American History: Problems and Opportunities." Journal of Interdisciplinary History 16 (Summer 1985): 107-110.
- Charles P. Kindleberger, Economic Response: Comparative Studies in Trade, Finance, and Growth (Cambridge, Mass., and London: Harvard University Press, 1978), pp. 1-18 (Ch. 1, "Comparative Economic History").
- Marc Bloch, "Toward a Comparative History of European Societies," in Frederick C. Lane and Jelle C. Riermersma, eds., Enterprise and Secular Change: Readings in Economic History (Homewood, Ill.: Richard D. Irwin, Inc., 1953), pp. 494-521.
- Theda Skocpol and Margaret Somers, "The Uses of Comparative History in Macrosocial Inquiry," Comparative Studies in Society and History 22 (April 1980): 174-197.

September 21. What Does "Industrialization" Mean?

- Nathan Rosenberg and L. E. Birdzell, Jr., How the West Grew Rich: The Economic Transformation of the Industrial World (New York: Basic Books, 1986), pp. 3-36 ("Introduction").
- David S. Landes, Prometheus Unbound: Technological Change and Industrial Development in Western Europe from 1750 to the Present, pp. 1-40 (Ch. 1, "Introduction").
- David Landes, "Introduction," in idem, ed., The Rise of Capitalism (New York: Macmillan Company), pp. 1-25.

September 28. Explaining Patterns of Industrialization

- Alexander Gerschenkron, "Economic Backwardness in Historical Perspective," in idem, Economic Backwardness in Historical Perspective: A Book of Essays (Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 1962), pp. 5-30.
- Thomas C. Cochran, The Inner Revolution: Essays on the Social Sciences in History (New York, Evanston, and London: Harper & Row, Harper Torchbooks, 1964), pp. 110-27 (Ch. 6, "Cultural Factors in Economic Development").
- Rondo Cameron, "A New View of European Industrialization," Economic History Review, 2d ser., 38 (February 1985): 1-23.
- P. K. O'Brien, "Do We Have a Typology for the Study of European Industrialization in the XIXth Century," Journal of European Economic History 15 (Fall 1986): 291-333.
- Trebilcock, pp. 1-21 (Ch. 1, "Historical Models of Growth").
- Joyce Oldham Appleby, Economic Thought and Ideology in Seventeenth-Century England (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1978), pp. 73-98 (Ch. 4, "The Dutch as a Source of Evidence").

October 5. A Model Industrializer? The United States

North et al., Growth and Welfare in the American Past, pp. 1-148
(Chs. 1-13).

October 12. The Model (Early) Industrializer: Great Britain

Deane, The First Industrial Revolution, pp. 1-218 (Chs. 1-12).

October 19. Another Early Industrializer: France

Trebilcock, pp. 112-204 (Ch. 3, "France").

N. F. R. Crafts, "Economic Growth in France and Britain, 1830-1910:
A Review of the Evidence," Journal of Economic History 44 (March
1984): 49-67.

John E. Sawyer, "The Entrepreneur and the Social Order: France and
the United States," in William Miller, ed., Men in Business:
Essays on the Historical Role of the Entrepreneur (New York and
Evanston: Harper & Row, Harper Torchbooks, 1962; orig. pub.
1952), pp. 7-22.

October 26. A Model (Late) Industrializer: Germany

Trebilcock, pp. 22-111 (Ch. 2, "Germany").

Rainer Fremdling, "Railroads and German Economic Growth: A Leading
Sector Analysis with a Comparison to the United States and Great
Britain," Journal of Economic History 37 (September 1977):
583-604.

Shearer Davis Bowman, "Antebellum Planters and Vormärz Junkers in
Comparative Perspective," American Historical Review 85 (1980):
779-808.

November 2. The Rise of Big Business

Chandler and Daems, eds., Managerial Hierarchies: Comparative
Perspectives on the Rise of the Modern Industrial Enterprise

Richard B. Duboff and Edward S. Herman, "Alfred Chandler's New
Business History: A Review," Politics and Society 10 (1980):
87-110.

November 9. Growth of the Middle Class

Selections from Jürgen Kocka, White Collar Workers in America, 1890-
1940: A Social-Political History in International Perspective,
trans. Maura Kealey, SAGE Studies in 20th Century History, Vol.
10 (London and Beverly Hills: SAGE Publications, 1980).

PRELIMINARY PAPER DRAFT DUE (approx. 10 pp.)

November 16. The Emergence of Labor Movements

Selections from Katznelson and Zolberg, Working-Class Formation:
Nineteenth-Century Patterns of Western Europe and the United
States (Princeton, N.J.: Princeton University Press, 1986).

November 23. The Role of the State in Industrialization

Henry W. Broude, "The Role of the State in American Industrial Development, 1820-1890," in Harry N. Scheiber, ed., United States Economic History: Selected Readings (New York, 1964), pp. 114-135.

Review North et al., Ch. 8, "Government and the Growth of the Economy."

Deane, The First Industrial Revolution, pp. 219-237 (Ch. 13).

Arthur L. Dunham, The Industrial Revolution in France, 1815-1848 (New York: Exposition Press, 1955), pp. 388-419 (Ch. 18, "Governmental Influences on Industrial Growth").

Wolfram Fischer, "Government Activity and Industrialization in Germany (1815-1870)," in W. W. Rostow, ed., The Economics of Take-Off into Sustained Growth (New York: St. Martin's Press, 1963), pp. 83-94.

Jürgen Kocka, "Capitalism and Bureaucracy in German Industrialization Before 1914," Economic History Review, 2d ser., 34 (August 1981): 453-468.

November 30. Topic to be agreed upon.

December 7. Topic to be agreed upon.

December 14. Conclusion: Making Sense of It All.

Trebilcock, The Industrialization of the Continental Powers, pp. 385-428 (Ch. 6, "Anti-Models").

FINAL DRAFT OF PAPER DUE (approx. 25 pages)