



Tips or Hints for MA Thesis / BA Thesis students

Attention of the students enrolled in the completion of Bachelor or Master Thesis at the Chair of Economic History.

It is very important that any new dataset collected from sources such as, *Familysearch* or similar, are added to the large database of the institute. Therefore, we would ask you to add a directory on a memory stick which is called "newdata" (without underline and small caps). This file should include the raw data that you collected in the sorting of the original source. If there are omitted ages such as, ages below 17 or so, please leave empty lines for those individuals.

The variable names and the file names should be standardized. For the standards on variable names see the document on our internet page. The file name currently follow this pattern: begin with a two letter ISO-3166 country code (available online) such as, "am" for Armenia, then underline, then the first birth decade for which there are more than 30 observations such as, 1910_, then the type of source such as, census, which should be abbreviated with five letters "censu" ("milit" for military data, "death", and so on), again an underline, then your name, underline, and finally any additional explanations that might help to remember what the dataset is about, for example regions. If there too many countries, please use the world region abbreviation such as, SSA for Sub Saharan Africa, WE for Western Europe, etc. If this not possible please just write DIV for diverse. Example: am_1910_censu_name_region.dta. Additionally, please provide the data in an USB sticker. In earlier times we asked for CD but many computers do not have CD drivers anymore. Please use a memory stick that we can keep it.

Protocol:

It is very important that you write and send the protocol as soon as possible after the meeting, because details might be forgotten when the protocol is only written in the next day or the following week. We would like to have a very detail protocol, which will be also useful for the student when remembering the fine points.