

Course outline of E361: “Economic History of the New World”

ETCS	6
Amount of work estimated in semester hours	Contact time: 30 Self studies: 150
Duration	1 Semester
Regular cycle	Winter term
Semesters necessary to be completed to participate	3
Working language	German
Mode of teaching	Lectures in-class and online
Method of examination	Exam (60 minutes), assignments
Requirement for	-
Prerequisites for participation	Interest in working with scientific content and statistical methods (programs)
Limited number of participants	60
Person responsible	Prof. Dr. Jörg Baten (Head of Chair of Economic History)
Lecturer	Prof. Dr. Jörg Baten

Content of the module

Within the lecture an overview over international economic history will be given by providing and discussing a great variety of latest research studies. Geographically, case studies from all continents such as Asia, Africa, South- and North America as well as Australia and the Pacific Region are going to be in the focus. In this regard, students from the international study courses will be enabled to additionally broaden their regional study knowledge. The data sets of these respective studies will be available at the Economic History chair, so that individual (statistical) studies can be conducted. Besides giving an overview of international economic history the lecture will also provide the students with methodical knowledge so that independent empirical research in all fields of economics can be conducted and which will ultimately have a significant impact on the career of the students. Besides, the students are getting prepared to produce a convincing empirical (Bachelor) thesis.

Qualification aims

The students obtain basic and advanced knowledge in the field of economic history and gain especially insight into latest scientific research conduction and outputs as well as into the methods that are applied within this field. Besides, students get to know the construction and the structure of scientific research and are familiarized with working with them.

Literature

Articles and working papers are provided on the website of the Chair of Economic History

Excerpt of some of the readings:

- Baten, J., Ernährung und wirtschaftliche Entwicklung in Bayern, 1730-1880. Stuttgart: Steiner (1999). [Nutrition and Economic Development in Bavaria, 1730-1880, English translation under www.uni-tuebingen.de/uni/wwl/disse.doc, www.uni-tuebingen.de/uni/wwl/disgef.doc und www.uni-tuebingen.de/uni/wwl/disset.doc
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