

Syllabus E364: “Applied Research in Economic History”

ETCS	9
Amount of work estimated in semester hours	Contact time: 45 Self studies: 225
Duration	1 Semester
Regular cycle	WS, SS
Working language	English
Method of examination	Term paper, assignments
Person responsible	Prof. Dr. Jörg Baten (Head of Chair of Economic History)
Lecturer	Prof. Dr. Jörg Baten

Content of the module

In this research internship, students gain deep insight into the process of scholarly research in economic history by actively participating in ongoing research. Topics covered include long-run human capital development, the development of welfare across many different world regions, and international economic history.

Qualification aims

Students understand the current research methods in economic history, put their theoretical knowledge into practice and prove it. They also know how to participate in scientific projects. They not only look over the shoulders of researchers who are currently working on studies, but they will, by turning in assignments, also participate actively in small work units of information retrieval, econometric analysis and the design of texts. They will summarize and present the main results in a term paper.

Literature

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Baten, J. (2016). Introduction: A history of the global economy – the ‘why’ and the ‘how.’ In J. Baten (Ed.), *A History of the Global Economy: 1500 to the Present* (pp. 1–12). chapter, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.