

ECONOMIC HISTORY 771



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Work programme:

Intro	The rise of African economic history Johan Fourie	<i>Additional reading:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nathan Nunn, 2009. "The Importance of History for Economic Development," Annual Review of Economics, Annual Reviews, vol. 1(1), pages 65-92, 05.• Margo, Robert A. The Integration of Economic History into Economics. No. w23538. National Bureau of Economic Research, 2017.• Anthony Hopkins, 2009. "The New Economic History of Africa," <i>Journal of African History</i>, 50 (2009), 155-77.• Fourie, Johan. 2016. The data revolution in African economic history. <i>Journal of Interdisciplinary History</i>. XLVII:2 (Autumn, 2016), 193-212.• Moradi, Alexander. "Sub-Saharan Africa." <i>An Economist's Guide to Economic History</i>. Palgrave Macmillan, Cham, 2018. 285-292.
Historical episodes	The Neolithic Revolution	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Olsson, Ola, and Christopher Paik. "Long-run cultural divergence: Evidence from the Neolithic Revolution." <i>Journal of Development Economics</i> 122 (2016): 197-213.2) Gören, E. 2017. The Persistent Effects of Novelty-Seeking Traits on Comparative Economic Development. <i>Journal of Development Economics</i>. In press.3) Galor, Oded and Ömer Özak. 2016. "The Agricultural Origins of Time Preference." <i>American Economic Review</i>, 106(10): 3064-3103.4) Michalopoulos, Stelios, Louis Putterman, and David N. Weil. The influence of ancestral lifeways on individual economic outcomes in Sub-Saharan Africa. No. w21907. National Bureau of Economic Research.

Historical episodes	The Industrial Revolution	<p>5) Joel Mokyr, 2008. "The Institutional Origins of the Industrial Revolution?" in Elhanan Helpman, ed., <i>Institutions and Economic Performance</i>. Harvard University Press, pages 64-119.</p> <p>6) Jan de Vries, 1994. The Industrial Revolution and the Industrious Revolution. <i>Journal of Economic History</i>, Vol 54(2), pp. 249-270</p> <p>7) Robert Allen, 2009. "The Industrial Revolution in Miniature: The Spinning Jenny in Britain, France, and India," <i>The Journal of Economic History</i>, vol. 69(04), pages 901-927.</p> <p>8) Humphries, Jane. "Childhood and child labour in the British industrial revolution." <i>The Economic History Review</i> 66.2 (2013): 395-418.</p>
Historical episodes	Slavery	<p>9) Olmstead, A.L. and Rhode, P.W., 2018. Cotton, slavery, and the new history of capitalism. <i>Explorations in Economic History</i>, 67, pp.1-17.</p> <p>10) Nathan Nunn and Leonard Wantchekon. 2011. "The Slave Trade and the Origins of Mistrust in Africa", <i>American Economic Review</i>. 101(7):3221-3252.</p> <p>11) Martins, I., Fourie, J. and Cilliers, J. 2019. Expropriation with partial compensation: Slaveholders' reparations and intergenerational outcomes. Paper presented at the ASSA Meetings, Atlanta.</p> <p>12) Whatley, W.C., 2018. The gun-slave hypothesis and the 18th century British slave trade. <i>Explorations in economic history</i>, 67, pp.80-104.</p>
Historical episodes	Colonialism	<p>13) van Waijenburg, M., 2018. Financing the African Colonial State: The Revenue Imperative and Forced Labor. <i>The Journal of Economic History</i>, 78(1), pp.40-80.</p> <p>14) Frankema, E., Williamson, J. and Woltjer, P., 2018. An Economic Rationale for the West African Scramble? The Commercial Transition and the Commodity Price Boom of 1835–1885. <i>The Journal of Economic History</i>, 78(1), pp.231-267.</p> <p>15) Huillery, E., 2014. The black man's burden: The cost of colonization of French West Africa. <i>The Journal of Economic History</i>, 74(1), pp.1-38.</p> <p>16) Dell, M. and Olken, B.A., 2017. The Development effects of the extractive colonial economy: The Dutch cultivation system in Java (No. w24009). National Bureau of Economic Research.</p>
The roots of growth	Innovation and technology	<p>17) Phillip Hoffman. 2012. Why was it Europeans who conquered the world? <i>Journal of Economic History</i>, 72, 3, 601-633.</p> <p>18) Moser, Petra. "Patents and Innovation in Economic History." <i>Annual Review of Economics</i> 8 (2016): 241-258.</p> <p>19) Bell, Alexander M., et al. Who Becomes an Inventor in America? The Importance of Exposure to Innovation. No. w24062. National Bureau of Economic Research, 2017.</p> <p>20) Hanlon, W.W., 2015. Necessity is the mother of invention: Input supplies and Directed Technical Change. <i>Econometrica</i>, 83(1), pp.67-100.</p>
The roots of growth	Entrepreneurship and business history	<p>21) William Baumol. 1990. Entrepreneurship: Productive, Unproductive, and Destructive. <i>The Journal of Political Economy</i>, Vol. 98, No. 5, Part 1, pp. 893-921.</p> <p>22) Mokyr, Joel. "Cultural entrepreneurs and the origins of modern economic growth." <i>Scandinavian Economic History Review</i> 61.1 (2013): 1-33.</p> <p>23) Austin, Gareth, Carlos Dávila, and Geoffrey Jones. "The Alternative Business History: Business in Emerging Markets." <i>Business History Review</i> 91.3 (2017): 537-569.</p>

		24) Perchard, Andrew, et al. "Clio in the business school: Historical approaches in strategy, international business and entrepreneurship." <i>Business History</i> (2017): 1-24.
The roots of growth	The state	25) Johnson, Noel D., and Mark Koyama. "States and economic growth: Capacity and constraints." <i>Explorations in Economic History</i> 64 (2017): 1-20. 26) Dimitruk, Kara. 2018. "I Intend Therefore to Prorogue": the effects of political conflict and the Glorious Revolution in parliament, 1660–1702. <i>European Review of Economic History</i> . 27) Acemoglu, Daron, Tristan Reed, and James A. Robinson. "Chiefs: Economic development and elite control of civil society in Sierra Leone." <i>Journal of Political Economy</i> 122.2 (2014): 319-368. 28) Michalopoulos, Stelios, and Elias Papaioannou. "Pre-Colonial ethnic institutions and contemporary African development." <i>Econometrica</i> 81.1 (2013): 113-152.
The roots of growth	Property rights	29) González, Felipe, Guillermo Marshall, and Suresh Naidu. "Start-up Nation? Slave Wealth and Entrepreneurship in Civil War Maryland." <i>The Journal of Economic History</i> 77.2 (2017): 373-405. 30) Richard Hornbeck. 2010. "Barbed Wire: Property Rights and Agricultural Development," <i>Quarterly Journal of Economics</i> , Vol. 125, No. 2, pp. 767-810 (May) 31) Dye, A. and La Croix, S., 2018. Institutions for the taking: property rights and the settlement of the Cape Colony, 1652–1750. <i>The Economic History Review</i> . 32) Chen, Shuo, and Xiaohuan Lan. "There will be killing: Collectivization and death of draft animals." <i>American Economic Journal: Applied Economics</i> 9.4 (2017): 58-77.
The roots of growth	Human capital	33) Fourie, J. and Von Fintel, D. 2014. Settler skills and colonial development: the Huguenot wine-makers in eighteenth-century Dutch South Africa. <i>Economic History Review</i> . 67(4): 932–963. 34) Baten, Joerg and Jan Luiten van Zanden. 2008. "Book Production and the Onset of Modern Economic Growth." <i>Journal of Economic Growth</i> 13, No. 3: 217-235 35) Mara Squicciarini and Nico Voigtlander. 2015. Human capital and Industrialization. Evidence from the Age of Enlightenment. <i>Quarterly Journal of Economics</i> . 130 (4): 1825-1883. 36) Remi Jedwab, Felix Meier zu Selhausen and Alexander Moradi. 2018. The Economics of Missionary Expansion: Evidence from Africa and Implications for Development. CSAE working paper.
The roots of growth	Trade, globalization and migration	37) Pascali, Luigi. "The wind of change: Maritime technology, trade, and economic development." <i>American Economic Review</i> 107.9 (2017): 2821-54. 38) De Zwart, Pim. "Globalization in the Early Modern Era: New Evidence from the Dutch-Asiatic Trade, c. 1600–1800." <i>The Journal of Economic History</i> 76.2 (2016): 520-558. 39) Bleakley, H. and Lin, J., 2012. Portage and path dependence. <i>The Quarterly Journal of Economics</i> , 127(2), pp.587-644. 40) Abramitzky, Ran, Leah Platt Boustan, and Katherine Eriksson. "Have the poor always been less likely to migrate? Evidence from inheritance practices during the Age of Mass Migration." <i>Journal of Development Economics</i> 102 (2013): 2-14.
Hot topics	Measuring welfare	1) De Haas, M., 2017. Measuring rural welfare in colonial Africa: did Uganda's smallholders thrive? <i>The Economic History Review</i> , 70(2), pp.605-631.

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Hot topics	Gender and demography	<p>5) Tine de Moor and Jan Luiten van Zanden, 2010. "Girl power: the European marriage pattern and labour markets in the North Sea region in the late medieval and early modern period," <i>Economic History Review</i>, vol. 63(1), pages 1-33.</p> <p>6) James Fenske. 2015. African polygamy: past and present. <i>Journal of Development Economics</i>. 117, 58-73.</p> <p>7) Demie, Muse. 2018. Cereals and Gender Roles: A Historical Perspective. Mimeo.</p> <p>8) Jeanne Cilliers and Martine Mariotti, 2018. South African fertility during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. <i>European Review of Economic History</i>.</p>
Hot topics	Health	<p>9) Alsan, Marcella. "The effect of the tsetse fly on African development." <i>American Economic Review</i> 105.1 (2015): 382-410.</p> <p>10) Lowes, Sara, and Eduardo Montero. "Mistrust in Medicine: The Legacy of Colonial Medical Campaigns in Central Africa." (2017).</p> <p>11) Hanlon, W. 2018. "London Fog: A Century of Pollution and Mortality, 1866-1965" NBER working paper: https://www.nber.org/papers/w24488</p> <p>12) Calvi, R. and Mantovanelli, F.G., 2018. Long-term effects of access to health care: Medical missions in colonial India. <i>Journal of Development Economics</i>, 135, pp.285-303.</p>
Hot topics	Mobility	<p>13) Cilliers, J., and Fourie, J. 2017. Occupational Mobility during South Africa's Industrial Take-Off. <i>South African Journal of Economics</i>. In press.</p> <p>14) Pérez, Santiago. "The (South) American Dream: Mobility and Economic Outcomes of First- and Second-Generation Immigrants in Nineteenth-Century Argentina." <i>The Journal of Economic History</i> 77.4 (2017): 971-1006.</p> <p>15) Clark, Gregory, and Neil Cummins. "Intergenerational Wealth Mobility in England, 1858-2012: Surnames and Social Mobility." <i>The Economic Journal</i> 125.582 (2015): 61-85.</p> <p>16) Meier zu Selhausen, Felix, Marco HD van Leeuwen, and Jacob Louis Weisdorf. "Social mobility among Christian Africans: Evidence from Anglican marriage registers in Uganda, 1895-2011." (2017).</p>
Hot topics	Crime and conflict	<p>17) Dimico, Arcangelo, Alessia Isopi, and Ola Olsson. "Origins of the sicilian mafia: The market for lemons." <i>The Journal of Economic History</i> 77.4 (2017): 1083-1115.</p> <p>18) Besley, Timothy, and Marta Reynal-Querol. "The legacy of historical conflict: Evidence from Africa." <i>American Political Science Review</i> 108.2 (2014): 319-336.</p> <p>19) Feigenbaum, James J., and Christopher Muller. "Lead exposure and violent crime in the early twentieth century." <i>Explorations in economic history</i> 62 (2016): 51-86.</p> <p>20) Desmet, Klaus, Ignacio Ortuño-Ortín, and Romain Wacziarg. "Culture, ethnicity, and diversity." <i>American Economic Review</i> 107.9 (2017): 2479-2513.</p>

Hot topics	Race and discrimination	<p>21) Alsan, Marcella, and Marianne Wanamaker. "Tuskegee and the health of black men." <i>The Quarterly Journal of Economics</i> 133.1 (2017): 407-455.</p> <p>22) Logan, Trevon D., and John M. Parman. "The national rise in residential segregation." <i>The Journal of Economic History</i> 77.1 (2017): 127-170.</p> <p>23) Cook, L.D., Logan, T.D. and Parman, J.M., 2016. The mortality consequences of distinctively black names. <i>Explorations in Economic History</i>, 59, pp.114-125.</p> <p>24) Abel, M., 2016. Long-run Effects of Forced Resettlement: Evidence from Apartheid South Africa. Harvard University, pp.1-36.</p>
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Assessment and assignment

<p>Honours: Class participation: 40% Essay: 60% (20% presentation, 40% written)</p>	<p><i>Essay details:</i> Harvard referencing style Topic to be decided in consultation with lecturer Word limit: 3000 words Essay presentation: 4 May 2019 Deadline: 17 May 2019</p>
<p>Masters: Class participation: 30% Essay: 40% (10% presentation, 30% written) Take-home exam: 30%</p>	<p><i>Essay details:</i> Harvard referencing style Topic to be decided in consultation with lecturer Word limit: 4000 words Essay presentation: 4 May 2019 Deadline: 17 May 2019 Take exam: TBC; 24-hour exam to be submitted electronically (can write from anywhere)</p>