

**ECONOMIC HISTORY OF IBERIA, IBERIAN AMERICA
AND THE ATLANTIC WORLD
(undergraduate)**

Instructor: Rafael Dobado-González, Tinker Visitor Professor

Day & Time: Mondays, 11:00am-12:50pm

Office Hours: Mondays, 14:00am-16:00pm

DESCRIPTION

The early overseas expansion of the kingdoms of Castile and Portugal, two peripheral states at the western extreme of Eurasia, constitutes a historical landmark whose influence is still visible. Only a few decades after the first Atlantic explorations, permanent interconnections between the main land masses in terms of population and economic activity (Africa, America and Eurasia) were established for the first time in human history. Initially led by the Iberian monarchies, and soon reinforced more or less successfully by other European powers, the influence of these epidemiological, ecological, demographic and economic interconnections has been enormous in shaping the differential paths of development of societies from sixteenth to early twentieth centuries all over the world.

This course will analyze the various aspects of Iberian America in the Atlantic world since the very beginning of its existence. From 1492 until the 1820's, Iberian America took part in a complex set of economic interactions based on coerced and free exchanges of germs, people, goods, institutions, techniques and money between Africa, the Americas and Western Europe. Asia's direct and indirect contacts with Iberian America and the Atlantic world will be highlighted as well.

While colonialism has been emphasized in the literature as the explanatory factor behind the economic development of Iberian America, this course will also pay attention to internal factors, such as the diverse regional geography and the pre-Columbian legacies. The consequences of independence and of the globalization in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries will be examined too in this economic history of the varied trajectories experienced by that heterogeneous group of countries (i. e. Argentina versus Guatemala or Cuba) that made up Iberian America.

Requirements:

Class participation (20%)

Midterm Paper (30%)

Term Paper (50%)

Note: Your first paper will be a short historiographical essay that will serve as the foundation for your term paper. The length of the first paper must be 10-15 pages and the term paper 25 pages. You are required to submit a paper topic and bibliography on September 27 and October 4 respectively and are encouraged to discuss these with me during office hours.

Students are encouraged to read and write in Spanish.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

September 13

Introduction

September 20

First Iberian maritime explorations. The beginnings of the Atlantic world

Fernández-Armesto, F. (2006), *Pathfinders. A Global History of Exploration*, W. W. Norton, New York, etc, pp. 109-190.

September 27

SUBMIT PAPER TOPIC

Early modern Iberian economy

“Portugal”, Mokyr, J. (ed.) (2003), *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Economic History*, Vol 4, New York, Oxford University, pp. 229-238.

“Spain”, Mokyr, J. (ed.) (2003), *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Economic History*, Vol 4, New York, Oxford University, pp. 539-553.

Comín, F., Hernández, M. and Llopis, E. (2002), *Historia económica de España, siglos X-XX*, Crítica, Barcelona, pp. 51-164.

October 4

SUBMIT PAPER BIBLIOGRAPHY

The economy of Iberian American from conquest to independence (1)

Storey, R. and Widmer, R. J. (2006), “The Pre-Columbian Economy”, Bulmer-Thomas, V., Coatsworth, J. H. and Cortés, R. (eds.) (2006), *The Cambridge Economic History of Latin America*, vol. I, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, etc., pp. 73-106.

Diamond, J. (1997), *Guns, Germs, and Steel. The Fates of Human Societies*, W. W. Norton, New York, etc., pp. 67-81 and 354-375.

Bakewell, P. (2004), *A History of Latin America*, 2nd edition, Blackwell, Malden, MA, etc., pp. 4-43.

October 11

The economy of Iberian American from conquest to independence (2)

Melville, G. K. (2006), "Land Use and the Transformation of the Environment", Bulmer-Thomas, Coatsworth and Cortés (eds.), *The Cambridge Economic History of Latin America*, vol. I, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, etc., pp. 109-142.

Newson, L. A. (2006), "The Demographic Impact of Colonization", Bulmer-Thomas, Coatsworth and Cortés (eds.), *The Cambridge Economic History of Latin America*, vol. I, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, etc., pp. 143-184.

Assadourian, C. S. (2006), "Agriculture and Land Use", Bulmer-Thomas, Coatsworth and Cortés (eds.), *The Cambridge Economic History of Latin America*, vol. I, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, etc., pp. 275-314.

October 18

Midterm Paper due

The economy of Iberian American from conquest to independence (3)

Monteiro, J. H. (2006), "Labor System", Bulmer-Thomas, Coatsworth and Cortés (eds.), *The Cambridge Economic History of Latin America*, vol. I, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, etc., pp. 185-233.

Tandeter, E. (2006), "The Mining Industry", Bulmer-Thomas, Coatsworth and Cortés (eds.), *The Cambridge Economic History of Latin America*, vol. I, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, etc., pp. 315-356.

Monteiro, J. H. (2006), "Labor System", Bulmer-Thomas, Coatsworth and Cortés (eds.), *The Cambridge Economic History of Latin America*, vol. I, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, etc., pp. 395-422.

October 25

Colonial Iberian America and the World Economy

Findlay, R. and O'Rourke, K. H. (2007), *Power and Plenty. Trade, War, and the World Economy in the Second Millenium*, Princeton University Press, Princeton, etc., pp. 143-226.

Marichal, C. (2006), "The Spanish-American Silver Peso: Export Commodity and Global Money of the Ancien Regime, 1500-1800", Topik, S., Marichal, C. and Frank, Z. (eds.), *From silver to cocaine. Latin American commodity chains and the building of the world economy, 1500-2000*, Duke University, Durham, pp. 25-52.

November 1

No class

November 8

Colonial institutions and long term economic development in Iberian America

Coatsworth, J. H. (2006), "Political Economy and Economic Organization", Bulmer-Thomas, Coatsworth and Cortés (eds.), *The Cambridge Economic History of Latin America*, vol. I, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, etc., pp. 237-273.

-- (2008), "Inequality, Institutions and Economic Growth in Latin America", *Journal of Latin American Studies*, 40, pp. 545–569.

Engerman, S. and Sokoloff, K. (2005), "Colonialism, Inequality, and Long-Run Paths of Development", National Bureau of Economic Research Working Paper w11057.

November 15

Africa and the Iberian Atlantic world

Manning, P. (2006), "African Connections with American Colonization", Bulmer-Thomas, Coatsworth and Cortés (eds.), *The Cambridge Economic History of Latin America*, vol. I, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, etc., pp. 43-71.

Klein, H. (2010), *The Atlantic slave trade*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, etc., pp. 1-74

November 22

Iberian America, Asia and the origins of globalization

Flynn, D. O. and Giráldez, A. (2008), "Born Again: Globalization's Sixteenth Century Origins (Asian/Global Versus European Dynamics)", *Pacific Economic Review*, 13, 3, pp. 359-387.

Findlay, R. and O'Rourke, K. H. (2007), *Power and Plenty. Trade, War, and the World Economy in the Second Millenium*, Princeton University Press, Princeton, etc., pp. 227-310.

November 29

Economic consequences of independence

Coatsworth, J. H. (1998), "Economic and Institutional Trajectories in Nineteenth-Century Latin America", Coatsworth and Taylor (eds.) (1998), *Latin America and the World Economy Since 1800*, Harvard University Press and David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Cambridge, pp. 23-54.

Prados de la Escosura, L. (2006), "The Economic Consequences of Independence in Latin America", Bulmer-Thomas, Coatsworth and Cortés (eds.), *The Cambridge Economic History of Latin America*, vol. I, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, etc., pp. 463-504.

December 6

Iberian America and the first globalization

Bértola, L. and Williamson, (2006), "Globalization in Latin America before 1940", Bulmer-Thomas, Coatsworth and Cortés (eds.), *The Cambridge Economic History of Latin America*, vol. II, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, etc., pp. 11-56.

Bulmer-Thomas, V. (2003), *The economic history of Latin America since independence*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, etc., pp. 119-154.

December 13

Conclusions

December 20

Final Paper Due

BIBLIOGRAPHY

Amaral, L. (2008), "Economic History of Portugal", *EH.Net Encyclopedia*, Whaples, R. (ed.), <http://eh.net/encyclopedia/article/amaral.portugal>.

Bakewell, P. (2004), *A History of Latin America*, 2nd edition, Blackwell, Malden, MA, etc.

Birmingham, D. (2003), *A concise history of Portugal*, 2nd edition, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, etc.

Bulmer-Thomas, V. (2003), *The economic history of Latin America since independence*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, etc.

Bulmer-Thomas, V., Coatsworth, J. H. and Cortés, R. (eds.) (2006), *The Cambridge Economic History of Latin America*, 2 Vols., Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, etc.

Burkholder, M. A. and Johnson, L. L. (2008), *Colonial Latin America*. 6th ed., Oxford University Press, New York, etc.

Coatsworth, J. H. (2008), "Inequality, Institutions and Economic Growth in Latin America", *Journal of Latin American Studies*, 40, pp. 545–569.

Coatsworth, J. H. and Taylor, A. M. (eds.) (1998), *Latin America and the World Economy Since 1800*, Harvard University Press and David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Cambridge.

Comín, F., Hernández, M. and Llopis, E. (eds.) (2003) *Historia económica de España siglos X-XX*. Editorial Crítica, Barcelona.

Diamond, J. (1997), *Guns, Germs, and Steel. The Fates of Human Societies*, W. W. Norton, New York, etc.

Elliot, J. H. (2006), *Empires of the Atlantic World: Britain and Spain in America, 1492-1830*, Yale University Press, New Haven.

Fernández-Armesto, F. (2006), *Las Américas*, Debate, Barcelona. English version: *The Americas: the history of a hemisphere*, Weidenfeld & Nicolson, London, 2003.

-- (2006), *Pathfinders. A Global History of Exploration*, W. W. Norton, New York, etc. Spanish version: *Los conquistadores del horizonte. Una historia mundial de la exploración*, Destino, Barcelona, 2006.

Engerman, S. and Sokoloff, K. (2005), "Colonialism, Inequality, and Long-Run Paths of Development", National Bureau of Economic Research Working Paper w11057.

Findlay, R. and O'Rourke, K. H. (2007), *Power and Plenty. Trade, War, and the World Economy in the Second Millenium*, Princeton University Press, Princeton, etc.

Flynn, D. O. and Giráldez, A. (2008), "Born Again: Globalization's Sixteenth Century Origins (Asian/Global Versus European Dynamics)", *Pacific Economic Review*, 13, 3, pp. 359-387.

Kamen, H. (2002), *Spain's Road to Empire. The Making of a World Power, 1492-1763*, Allen Lane, London, etc. Spanish version: *Imperio : La forja de España como potencia mundial*, Aguilar, Madrid, 2003.

Klein, H. S. (2010), *The Atlantic slave trade*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, etc.

Marichal, C. (2006), "The Spanish-American Silver Peso: Export Commodity and Global Money of the Ancien Regime, 1500-1800", Topik, S., Marichal, C. and Frank, Z. (eds.), *From silver to cocaine. Latin American commodity chains and the building of the world economy, 1500-2000*, Duke University, Durham, pp. 25-52.

Mokyr, J. (ed.) (2003), *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Economic History*, 5 Vols., New York, Oxford University, pp. 229-238.

O'Rourke, K. and Williamson, J. G. (2002), "When Did Globalization Begin?", *European Review of Economic History*, 6, pp. 23-50.

Williamson, J. G. and O'Rourke, K. H. (1999), *Globalization and History. The Evolution of a Nineteenth-Century Atlantic Economy*, The MIT Press, Cambridge, etc.