

History of Economic Thought

Academic Year: 2013/2014

Trimester | Semester: 2nd

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Course Description:

The course will present an introduction to the main texts of the evolution of Economic Theory. The method used will be oral exposition by the teacher, discussing some specific quotations from each of the books selected.

Course Content:

| Class | Theme | References |
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| 1 | 0. INTRODUCTION | |
| | 0.1. Presentation of the course | |
| | 0.2. Why study History of Economic Theory? | [S] I, 1-3 |
| | 0.3. Thought, Analysis and Ideology | [S] I, 4 |
| 2 | 1. THE ORIGINS | |
| | 1.1. Aristotle | [S] II, 1.3-5, [N2], [A1], [A2] |
| 3 | 1.2. St. Thomas Aquinas | [S] II, 2.2-5, [N3], [T] II-II, Q 66, 77, 78 |
| 4 | 2. PRE-CLASSIC ECONOMICS | |
| | 2.1. Mercantilists | [S] II, 7; [B] 1(1-2); [K] c.23 |
| 5 | 2.2. Physiocracy | [S] II 4(3); [B] 1(3); [N1] I; [Q] |
| 6/7 | 3. ADAM SMITH | [S] p.181-94, 307-11; [B] 2; [N1] I; [Sm] |
| 8 | 4. THE CLASSIC SCHOOL | [S] III, 4 |
| | 4.1. The Postulates of Nassau Senior | [S] p.233, 250-86, 575-88, 632-8; [B] 3 |
| 9 | 4.2. The Classical Model | [S] p.554-570; [Mal]; [N1] II |
| 10/11 | 4.3. David Ricardo | [B] 4, [R], [Sr] vol 1 e 4; [N1] II |
| 12 | 4.4. John Stuart Mill | [B] 6; [S] p.527-34, 541-3, 640-5, 659-62; [Mi] |
| 13/14 | 4.5. Karl Marx | [B] 7; [S2] I; [N1] II; [Mx] |
| 15 | 5. THE NEOCLASSICAL SCHOOL | |
| | 5.1. Antoine Cournot | [C] |
| | 5.2. Marginal Revolution: Jevons, Menger and Walras | [B] 8, 13(1-7); [S] IV, 5(1,3,4), 6(3), 7(1,2,7); [N1] III; [Je]; [Me]; [Wa] |
| 16/17 | 5.3. Alfred Marshall | [S] IV 5(2), 6(3,4,5), 7(6); [B] 9, 10; [N1] III; [Ma] |
| 17 | 5.4. F.Y. Edgeworth e V.Pareto | [S] IV 7(5 + ap.); [B] 13 (8-21), [E] |
| 18 | 5.5. Knut Wicksell: Capital and Money | [B] 12, 15; [Wi] |
| 19 | 5.6. Irving Fisher: Money and Capital | [B] 15, [S] IV 8 (3-6), [F1], [F2] |
| 20 | 5.7. Joseph Schumpeter | [S1], [S2] c. VI-XIV |
| 21 | 5.8. John Maynard Keynes | [S] V 5; [N1] IV; [K] |
| 22 | 5.9. The Neoclassical Synthesis | [CN] VI; |
| 23/24 | 5.10. Recent Advances in Theory | [CN] VI; [B] 16; [N4]; [Sa]; [NM]; [D]; [L] |



Course Objectives:

This course attempts a description of the evolution of the main references of economic theory. Starting in Antiquity, the main stress will be placed on the classical and neoclassical schools, analyzing directly the main texts of the basic authors of the science.

Grading:

Final text 100%

Optional essay to be considered ion then evaluation

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1- TEXTBOOKS

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2- ORIGINAL WORKS

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| [A2] Aristotle (circa 340 AC) <i>Politics</i> http://ebooks.adelaide.edu.au/a/aristotle/a8po/ | 1(082) EI-ARI/10 |
| [C]- Cournot, A (1838) <i>Mathematical Principles of the Theory of Wealth</i> , Augustus M.Kelley | E-031 COU |
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