Economic History of Russia & Eurasia

Seminar: Mondays, 12-14, Garystr. 55, OEL, Hörsaal A.

Lecture: Tuesdays, 12-14, Garystr. 55, Raum 101.

Office Hours
(Theocharis Grigoriadis) Mondays, 16-18, Garystr. 55, OEL, Room 101A.
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Modules:
Master of Science in Economics: Economic Systems
Master of Science in Public Economics: Wirtschaftsgeschichte des 20. Jahrhunderts
Master of Arts in East European Studies: Disziplinäre Grundlagen A+B

This is a course on the economic history of Russia and Eurasia. The first part of the course will focus on the economic system of the Russian Empire. The second part of the course will concentrate in the analytical and structural determinants of communist economic organization with reference to the Soviet Union. The third part of the course will deal with the political economics of post-Soviet transition. Seminars will cover both rigorous economic concepts and historical debates. Lectures will offer training in formal methods in economic history. Students are expected to become conversant with the analytical tools and theoretical discussions presented in the literature. Slides, which have been graciously provided by Gérard Roland, will be used to facilitate the learning process. Attendance in all sessions is required. East European Studies Students are expected to make a 20-minute presentation in a week of their choice in weeks 2-10. Economics and Public Economics students are expected to make a 20-minute presentation in weeks 11-16. The course grade is defined by a final exam/research paper (depending on degree program pursued) in the end of the semester.

Required Textbooks:

Seminar
Lecture

Grade:
Research Paper: East European Studies/Political Science/IR Masters Students

Part I: The Economic System of the Russian Empire

Week 1: Fiscal Policy

Seminar: Fiscal Instruments and Tax Reforms in 18th and 19th Centuries
- Kotsonis, Ch. 1 and 2.

Lecture: Static Games of Complete Information I
- Tadelis, Ch. 3.
- Osborne, Ch. 2 and 11.

Week 2: Monetary Policy & Industrialization

Seminar: The Imperial Ministry of Finance in the post-Crimean era

Lecture: Static Games of Complete Information II
- Tadelis, Ch. 4.
- Osborne, Ch. 12.

Week 3: The Gold Standard

Seminar: The Witte System

Lecture: Static Games of Complete Information III
- Tadelis, Ch. 5.
- Osborne, Ch. 2 and 3.

**Week 4: Finance & Revolution**

**Seminar: Financial Policy & the Origins of Revolutions**

**Lecture: Static Games of Complete Information IV**
- Tadelis, Ch. 6.
- Osborne, Ch. 4.

**Part II: Topics in the Soviet Economy**

**Week 5: The Making of the Soviet Union**

**Seminar: Early Soviet Union & New Economic Policy**

**Lecture: Dynamic Games of Complete Information I**
- Tadelis, Ch. 7.
- Osborne, Ch. 5.

**Week 6: The Political Economy of Stalinism**

**Seminar: Information & Enforcement in the Stalinist Economic System**
- Harrison (2008), Ch. 1-9.
- Gregory (1994), Ch. 1-5.


**Lecture: Dynamic Games of Complete Information II**

- Tadelis, Ch. 8.
- Osborne, Ch. 6.

**Week 7: The Economics of World War II**

**Seminar: The Economics of the Soviet Defense Industry**


**Lecture: Dynamic Games of Complete Information III**

- Tadelis, Ch. 9.
- Osborne, Ch. 7.

**Week 8: Fundamentals of Central Planning**

**Seminar: Economic Models, Coordination & Power**

- Kornai, Ch. 1-8.

**Lecture: Dynamic Games of Complete Information IV**

- Tadelis, Ch. 10.
- Osborne, Ch. 14 and 15.

**Week 9: Economics of Shortage**

**Seminar: Investment, Employment & Shortage**

- Kornai, Ch. 9-12.

**Lecture: Dynamic Games of Complete Information V**

- Tadelis, Ch. 11.
- Osborne, Ch. 16.

**Week 10: The Soviet System of Incentives**

**Seminar: Planners & Managers**


**Lecture: Static Games of Incomplete Information I**
- Tadelis, Ch. 12.
- Osborne, Ch. 9a (9.1-9.4).

**Part III: The Political Economics of Transition**

**Week 11: Introduction to Transition Economics**

**Seminar: Transition & Reform**
- Roland, Ch. 1.
- Roland, Ch. 2.

**Lecture: Static Games of Incomplete Information II**
- Tadelis, Ch. 13.
- Osborne, Ch. 9b (9.5-9.8)

**Week 12: Economics & Politics of Reforms**

**Seminar: Reform & Privatization**
- Roland, Ch. 3 (with slides).
- Roland, Ch. 4.

**Lecture: Dynamic Games of Incomplete Information I**
- Tadelis, Ch. 15.
- Osborne, Ch. 10a (10.1-10.4).

**Week 13: Liberalization**

**Seminar: Methods of Liberalization & the Output Fall**
- Roland, Ch. 6 and 7.

**Lecture: Dynamic Games of Incomplete Information II**
- Tadelis, Ch. 16.
- Osborne, Ch. 10b Osborne, Ch. 10b (10.5-10.7).

**Week 14: Government & Institutions**

**Seminar: Government Collapse, Economic Performance & Legal Systems**
- Roland, Ch. 8.

**Lecture: Dynamic Games of Incomplete Information III**
- Tadelis, Ch. 18.
- Osborne, Ch. 10b Osborne, Ch. 10c (10.8-10.9).

**Week 15: The Soft Budget Constraint**

**Seminar: Managerial Incentives & Business-Government Relations**
- Roland, Ch. 9 and 12.

**Lecture: Review I**

**Week 16: Restructuring, Bureaucracy & Property Rights**

**Seminar: Restructuring & State Capacity**
- Roland, Ch. 10 and 11.

**Lecture: Review II**