

ECONOMIC HISTORY 771 & 871



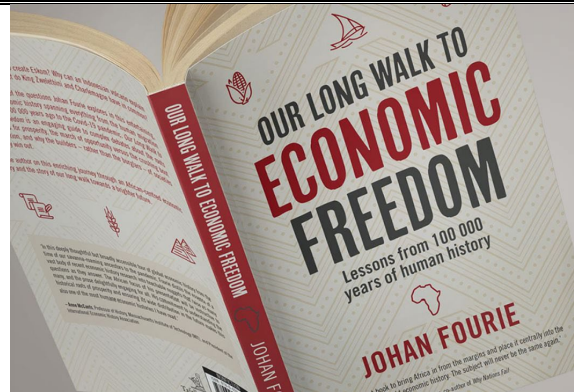
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Work programme:

Preparation:

For those who intend to join this course, it would help to have some background in economic history and South African history. For those who did Economics 281 or History 214 at an undergraduate level, that should be sufficient. For those who have not (and, in particular, those who are joining us from outside South Africa), I would recommend reading *Our Long Walk to Economic Freedom* (Tafelberg) as background reading. It is available on Amazon Kindle or in any good South African bookshop.



Intro	The rise of African economic history Johan Fourie	<p><i>Additional reading:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hopkins, A.G., 2019. Fifty years of African economic history. <i>Economic History of Developing Regions</i>, 34(1), pp.1-15. Margo, R.A., 2018. The integration of economic history into economics. <i>Cliometrica</i>, 12(3), pp.377-406. Fourie, J. and Obikili, N. 2019. Decolonizing with Data: The Cliometric Turn in African Economic History. In: Diebolt, C. and Hauptert, M. (eds.), <i>Handbook of Cliometrics</i>. Springer Nature. Fourie, Johan. 2019. Who writes African economic history? <i>Economic History of Developing Regions</i>, 34:2, 111-131.
Historical episodes	The Neolithic Revolution	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Mayshar, J., Moav, O. and Pascali, L. 2021. The Origin of the State: Land Productivity or Appropriability? Working paper. https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/economics/staff/omoav/mmp_10_aug_2021.pdf Borcan, O., Olsson, O. and Putterman, L., 2021. Transition to agriculture and first state presence: A global analysis. <i>Explorations in Economic History</i>, p.101404. Blouin, A., 2021. Axis-orientation and knowledge transmission: evidence from the Bantu expansion. <i>Journal of Economic Growth</i>, 26, pp. 359-384. Galor, O. and Özak, Ö., 2016. The agricultural origins of time preference. <i>American Economic Review</i>, 106(10), pp.3064-3103.
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Historical episodes	Slavery	9) Nunn, N. and Wantchekon, L., 2011. The slave trade and the origins of mistrust in Africa. <i>American Economic Review</i> , 101(7), pp.3221-52.
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		12) Ekama, K., 2021. Bondsmen: Slave Collateral in the 19th-Century Cape Colony. <i>Journal of Southern African Studies</i> , pp.1-16.
Historical episodes	Colonialism	13) Michalopoulos, S. and Papaioannou, E., 2016. The long-run effects of the scramble for Africa. <i>American Economic Review</i> , 106(7), pp.1802-48.
		14) Dell, M. and Olken, B.A., 2020. The development effects of the extractive colonial economy: The Dutch cultivation system in Java. <i>The Review of Economic Studies</i> , 87(1), pp.164-203.
		15) 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.
		16) De Haas, M., 2021. The Failure of Cotton Imperialism in Africa: Seasonal Constraints and Contrasting Outcomes in French West Africa and British Uganda. <i>The Journal of Economic History</i> , 81(4), pp.1098-1136.
The roots of growth	Innovation and technology	17) Gollin, D., Hansen, C.W. and Wingender, A.M., 2021. Two blades of grass: The impact of the green revolution. <i>Journal of Political Economy</i> , 129(8), pp.2344-2384.
		18) Giorcelli, M. and Moser, P., 2020. Copyrights and creativity: Evidence from Italian opera in the Napoleonic age. <i>Journal of Political Economy</i> , 128(11), pp.4163-4210.
		19) Hanlon, W.W., 2015. Necessity is the mother of invention: Input supplies and Directed Technical Change. <i>Econometrica</i> , 83(1), pp.67-100.
		20) Okoye, D., Pongou, R. and Yokossi, T., 2019. New technology, better economy? The heterogeneous impact of colonial railroads in Nigeria. <i>Journal of Development Economics</i> , 140, pp.320-354.
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The roots of growth	The law and property rights	25) Hornbeck, R., 2010. Barbed wire: Property rights and agricultural development. <i>The Quarterly Journal of Economics</i> , 125(2), pp.767-810.
		26) Chen, S. and Lan, X., 2017. There will be killing: Collectivization and death of draft animals. <i>American Economic Journal: Applied Economics</i> , 9(4), pp.58-77.
		27) González, F., Marshall, G. and Naidu, S., 2017. Start-up nation? Slave wealth and entrepreneurship in Civil War Maryland. <i>The Journal of Economic History</i> , 77(2), pp.373-405.
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		30) Ogilvie, S., Edwards, J. and K�pker, M., 2022. Economically relevant human capital or multi-purpose consumption good? Book ownership in pre-modern W�rttemberg. <i>Explorations in Economic History</i> , 83, p.101418.
		31) Aboagye, P.Y., 2021. Inequality of education in colonial Ghana: European influences and African responses. <i>Economic History of Developing Regions</i> , 36(3), pp. 367-391.
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The roots of growth	Trade, globalization and migration	33) Pascali, L., 2017. The wind of change: Maritime technology, trade, and economic development. <i>American Economic Review</i> , 107(9), pp.2821-54.
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Hot topics	Measuring welfare	37) Broadberry, S., Guan, H. and Li, D.D., 2021. China, Europe, and the Great Divergence: A Restatement. <i>The Journal of Economic History</i> , 81(3), pp.958-974.
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Hot topics	Health	45) Alsan, M. and Goldin, C., 2019. Watersheds in child mortality: The role of effective water and sewerage infrastructure, 1880–1920. <i>Journal of Political Economy</i> , 127(2), pp.586-638.
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		52) Green, E., Fourie, J., Rijpma, A., and Von Fintel, D. 2022. Income mobility in a settler society: Evidence from the Cape of Good Hope. Working paper.
Hot topics	Crime and conflict	53) Dimico, A., Isopi, A. and Olsson, O., 2017. Origins of the Sicilian Mafia: The market for lemons. <i>The Journal of Economic History</i> , 77(4), pp.1083-1115.
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Hot topics	Race, segregation and discrimination	57) Alsan, M. and Wanamaker, M., 2018. Tuskegee and the health of black men. <i>The Quarterly Journal of Economics</i> , 133(1), pp.407-455. 58) Logan, T.D., 2020. Do Black Politicians Matter? Evidence from Reconstruction. <i>The Journal of Economic History</i> , 80(1), pp.1-37. 59) Fourie, J. and Jayes, J., 2021. Health inequality and the 1918 influenza in South Africa. <i>World Development</i> , 141, p.105407. 60) Abel, M., 2019. Long-run effects of forced resettlement: evidence from Apartheid South Africa. <i>The Journal of Economic History</i> , 79(4), pp.915-953.
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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: Saturday, 7 May Deadline: 20 May</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: Saturday, 7 May Deadline: 20 May Take-home exam: Date to be announced; 24-hour exam to be submitted electronically (can write from anywhere)</p>

Covid-19

Due to continuing COVID-19 regulations currently in force, the university has announced that ARTLA (Augmented Remote Teaching, Learning and Assessment) will be implemented in the first semester of 2022. This entails restrictions on the number of students who may physically attend face-to-face contact sessions (lectures and tutorial sessions). If we are unable to accommodate all the students registered for the module in the venue, we will live stream the sessions using MS Teams. Students that cannot attend the face-to-face session must participate via live streaming. Students who are prevented from attending the face-to-face session (e.g. due to COVID-19 isolation requirements or because the venue was filled to maximum capacity) **AND** who are unable to connect to live streaming for reasons outside their reasonable control (e.g. due to load shedding) may request the lecturer / tutor to make available a recording. Limited access to a recording may be granted in such cases based on the discretion of the Department.