

IWH-DPE/CGDE

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19 February to 20 February 2015 and 9 April to 10 April 2015
(each day 10:00-13:00 pm and 14:00-17:00 pm)

SHORT COURSE IN THE HISTORY OF ECONOMICS

Course aim

To acquaint students of 21st century economics with some of the original texts covering a period of two centuries that have contributed to the core of the modern canon. Students will be assigned readings in two batches: the first set of readings are to be read before the first session meeting February 19th-20th and the second set to be read before the second session meeting April 9th-10th.

Course requirements

Course attendance and approximately 800 pages of assigned reading to be checked by 90 minute written examination April 17th (one week after Day 4). A three page memo: "Identify the closest match among the classical economics and the economists of the twentieth century (one from each period) with your dissertation research. Question: Are you "closer" or "farther" from your 20th century counterpart than that economist was from your classical counterpart? If you can identify no counterpart in either or both groups, explain why that should be the case."

Session 1				
Day 1	Hume, Quesnay	Smith	Smith	Malthus
Day 2	Ricardo	Mill	Marx	Thünen
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Day 3	Menger: <i>Methodenstreit</i>	Walras, Pareto	J.B. Clark, Marshall, Principles	Wicksell, Fisher
Day 4	Hicks: <i>Value and Capital</i>	Keynes: <i>General Theory</i>	Samuelson: <i>Foundations of Economic Analysis</i>	Friedman: <i>Methodology of Positive Economics</i> Koopmans: <i>Measurement without Theory</i>

For a convenient collection of original texts

Economic Thought: A Reader. (2nd edition [2013]). Edited by Steven G. Medema and Warren J. Samuels. London and New York: Routledge.

For a more complete overview

Backhouse, Roger E. (2002). The Penguin History of Economics. London and New York: Penguin Books.

A more detailed reading list will be provided shortly.

Venue

Halle Institute for Economic Research (IWH)
Kleine Maerkerstrasse 8
06108 Halle (Saale)
conference room (ground floor)

Registration

Please contact Annett Hartung, Phone: +49 345 7753 751, E-mail: annett.hartung@iwh-halle.de, until 30 January 2015.

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