

Required Books:

- Clark: [A Farewell to Alms](#)
- Allen: [Global Economic History](#)
- DeLong: [Slouching Towards Utopia](#)

1. Introduction

Day 1: 2022-01-17 Tu: Introduction

- Required: Clark 1; Allen 1; DeLong Intro.
- Optional: Andy Matuschak: [Why Books Don't Work](#)

Day 2: 2022-01-19 Th: Numerical Guesses of Long-Run Growth

- Required: Greg Clark (2007): [The Condition of the Working Class in England, 1209-2004](#)
- Optional: Doug Jones (2022): [Toba, or the Sperm Whale Effect?](#);

Monika Karmin & al. (2015): [A Recent Bottleneck of Y-Chromosome Diversity Coincides with a Global Change in Culture](#); Jared Diamond (1987): [The Worst Mistake in the History of the Human Race](#); Doug Jones (2022): [The Patriarchal Age](#)

2. Ensorcelled by the Devil of Malthus

Day 3: 2022-01-24 Tu: Malthusian Logic

- Required: Clark, 2-5
- Optional: Brad DeLong: *Lecture Notes: The Solow Growth Model*; *Lecture Notes: Malthusian Economies* <<http://datahub.berkeley.edu/user-redirect/interact?account=braddelong&repo=history-of-economic-growth-theory-readings&branch=main&path=heg-growth-theory.ipynb>>

Day 4: 2022-01-26 Th: Efflorescences & Dark Ages

- Required: Jack Goldstone (2002): [Efflorescences and Economic Growth in World History](#); Willem Jongman (2007): [Gibbon was Right: The Decline and Fall of the Roman Economy](#)
- Optional: Josiah Ober (2020): [Agamemnon's Cluelessness](#); Peter Temin: [The Roman Market Economy](#), [Roman Growth](#)

Day 5: 2022-01-31 Tu: Inequality & Domination

- Required: Clark 6; Peter Temin: [Land Tenure and Exploitation from the Roman Empire to Lord Peter Wimsey](#)
- Optional: Abigail Adams: [Letter to John Adams](#); Aristotle: [Politics, Book I](#); Brad DeLong: *Lecture Notes on Inequality in Historical Perspective*

3. Slow Invention & Innovation Before 1870

Day 6: 2022-02-02 Th: Pre-Modern Innovation I

- Required: Clark 7
- Optional: the Anti-Kythera Device

Day 7: 2022-02-07 Tu: Pre-Modern Innovation II

- Required: Moses Finley: [Technical Innovation and Economic Progress in the Ancient World](#)
- Optional:

4. Why the Hinge in 1870 in the Dover Circle?

Day 8: 2022-02-09 Th: Institutions

- Required: Clark 8; Christopher Berry (2018): [Adam Smith: A Very Short Introduction](#), chs 1, 4-6
- Optional: William Baumol: [Entrepreneurship: Productive, Unproductive, Destructive](#); Karl Marx & Friedrich Engels (1848): [The Communist Manifesto](#)

Day 9: 2022-02-14 Tu: Psychology

- Required: Clark 9
- Optional: Joel Mokyr (1990): [Lever of Riches](#), ch 5 [The Years of Miracles](#); Nathan Nunn (2012): [Culture and the Historical Process](#)

Day 10: 2022-02-16 Th: Commercial-Imperial Divergence

- Required: Allen 2, 5-6
- Optional: Ian Morris (2010): *Why the West Rules* “For Now”, chapter 3: [Taking the Measure of the Past](#)

Day 11: 2022-02-21 Tu: Wealth of Nations

- Required: Clark 10
- Optional: John Coatsworth (2008): [Inequality, Institutions & Economic Growth in Latin America](#); Melissa Dell (2015): [Path Dependence in Development: Evidence from the Mexican Revolution](#)

Day 12: 2022-02-23 Th: Industrial Revolution Puzzle I

- Required: Clark 11-13; Allen 3-4

- **Optional:** Robert Allen (2017): [The Industrial Revolution: A Very Short Introduction](#), chs 3, 5-6

Day 13: 2022-02-28 Tu: Industrial Revolution Puzzle II

- **Required:** David Landes (2006): [Why Europe and the West? Why Not China?](#)
- **Optional:** Bateman & Weiss (1981): [A Deplorable Scarcity: The Failure of Industrialization in the Slave Economy](#), ch 1

5. The Post-1870 Build-Out of Industrial & Post-Industrial Technology

Day 14: 2022-03-02 Tu: Schumpeterian Creative-Destruction I

- **Required:** Clark 15; Allen 8; DeLong 1-2
- **Optional:** Peter Evans (1995): [Embedded Autonomy: States & Industrial Transformation](#), ch 1; Laura Panza & Jeffrey Williamson (2015): *Did Muhammad Ali Foster Industrialization in Early Nineteenth-Century Egypt?*

Day 15: 2022-03-07 Tu: Schumpeterian Creative-Destruction II

- **Required:** Robert Solow (1987): [Growth Theory and After](#)
- **Optional:** Chalmers Johnson: *MITI & the Japanese Miracle*, selections; William Nordhaus: [Do Real-Output and Real-Wage Measures Capture Reality?](#)

Day 16: 2022-03-09 Th: Value-Chain Economy I

- **Required:** DeLong 16

Day 17: 2022-03-14 Tu: Value-Chain Economy II

Day 18: 2022-03-16 Th: Divergence I

- **Required:** Clark 16-17; Allen 7; DeLong 4, 12;
- **Optional:** Brad DeLong (1986): [Productivity Growth, Convergence, and Welfare: Comment](#); Dev Patel & al. (2019): [Everything You Know about Cross-Country Convergence Is \(Now\) Wrong](#)

Day 19: 2022-03-21 Tu: Divergence II

- **Required:** Lant Pritchett (1997): [Divergence, Big Time](#); Robert Bates: [When Things Fell Apart: State Failure in Late-Century Africa](#), selections
- **Optional:** W. Arthur Lewis (1997): [Evolution of the International Economic Order](#); Moses Abramovitz (1986): [Catching Up, Forging Ahead, and Falling Behind](#); Chinua Achebe: [Anthills of the Savannah](#), selections

2022-03-23 Th: MIDTERM

6. The Political Economy of Modern Economic Growth

Day 21: 2022-04-04 Tu: Social Consequences of the 20th Century Growth Explosion

- **Required:** Clark 14; DeLong 3, 5, 9
- **Optional:** W.E.B. Du Bois: *The Souls of White Folk*; *The Comet*

Day 22: 2022-04-06 Th: Alternative Systems (

- **Required:** Allen 9; DeLong 8-11
- **Optional:** Rick Ericson (1991): [The Classical Soviet-Type Economy: Nature of the System and Implications for Reform](#); Yegor Gaidar: [The Soviet Collapse: Grain & Oil](#)

Day 23: 2022-04-11 Tu: Making the New Deal Order I

- **Required:** DeLong 6-7, 14
- **Optional:** Brad DeLong & Barry Eichengreen: [The Marshall Plan: History's Most Successful Structural Adjustment Program](#)

Day 24: 2022-04-13 Th: Making the New Deal Order II

- **Required:** DeLong 13
- **Optional:** Ha-Joon Chang (2011): [Kicking Away the Ladder: An Unofficial History of Capitalism, Especially in Britain & the United States](#);

Day 25: 2022-04-18 Tu: Neoliberal Turn I

- **Required:** DeLong 15
- **Optional:** Yingyi Qian (2001): [How Reform Worked in China](#); Barry Naughton: [The Rise of China's Industrial Policy, 1978-2020](#); Nathan Nunn (2008): [The Long Term Effects of Africa's Slave Trades](#)

Day 26: 2022-04-20 Th: Neoliberal Turn II

- **Required:** DeLong 17
- **Optional:** Robert Gordon: [The Demise of U.S. Economic Growth: Restatement, Rebuttal, & Reflections](#); Simeon Djankov (2015): [Russia's Economy under Putin: From Crony Capitalism to State Capitalism](#); Barry Eichengreen (2015): *Hall of Mirrors: The Great Depression, The Great Recession, and the Uses-and Misuses-of History*, selections

7. Conclusion

Day 27: 2022-04-25 Tu: Future of Economic Growth

- **Required:** Clark 18; Allen Epilogue; DeLong Conc.

- **Optional:** Barry Eichengreen (2018): *The Populist Temptation Economic Grievance & Political Reaction in the Modern Era*, selections; John Maynard Keynes: [*Economic Possibilities for Our Grandchildren*](#)

Day 28: 2022-04-27 Th: Review & Conclusion

- **Required:** Marshal Burke & al.: *Global Non-Linear Effect of Temperature on Economic Production*

2023-05-08 Mo - 2023-05-12 Fr: FINAL EXAM

Grading: 120 points total

- 30 section
- 12 lecture participation
- 12 lecturer office hours
- 18 paper
- 18 midterm (if you miss the midterm, your final grade gets imputed to the midterm)
- 30 final (we will impute your midterm grade to the final if you wish to skip the final)

Miss midterm and final, you get an F or an I

Sections: Tu 1, Tu 2, Th 4

Grade inflationâ€

11 people on the panel; 2 times on the panel;

11 people for ten-minute office-hour appointmentsâ€

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