

Blockseminar
Institutions and Economic Development in Historical Perspective
(Spring Semester 2021)

– Seminar Topics –

Notes

- The allocation of topics will take place after you have successfully registered for the seminar (more details follow by e-mail after your successful registration).
- The given references provide a first introduction to your topic.
- Course language is English, but the seminar paper can also be written in German.
- (*): basic knowledge in Econometrics (level of *Grundlagen der Ökonometrie*) is useful.

Seminar topics

1. THE CAUSES OF SERFDOM IN EUROPE
 - Domar, Evsey D. (1970): The Causes of Slavery or Serfdom: A Hypothesis, in: *Journal of Economic History* 30(1), pp. 18-32.
2. THE ROLE OF GUILDS IN EARLY-MODERN EUROPE
 - Sheilagh Ogilvie (2004): Guilds, Efficiency, and Social Capital: Evidence from German Proto-industry, in: *Economic History Review* 57(2), pp. 286-333.
3. RISE AND DECLINE OF HANSEATIC-LEAGUE CITIES
 - Erik Lindberg (2009): Club Goods and Inefficient Institutions: Why Danzig and Lübeck Failed in the Early Modern Periods, in: *Economic History Review* 62(3), pp. 604-628.
4. THE CREATION OF LEGAL INSTITUTIONS AND THE COMMERCIAL REVOLUTION
 - Davide Cantoni and Noam Yuchtman (2014): Medieval Universities, Legal Institutions, and the Commercial Revolution, in: *Quarterly Journal of Economics* 129(2), pp. 823-887. (*)
5. PARLIAMENTS AND ECONOMIC GROWTH IN EARLY MODERN EUROPE
 - J. Bradford De Long and Andrei Shleifer (1993): Princes and Merchants: European City Growth before the Industrial Revolution, in: *Journal of Law and Economics* 36, pp. 671-702. (*)
6. THE ORIGINS OF INSTITUTIONAL CHANGE IN EUROPE
 - Daron Acemoglu, Simon Johnson, and James A. Robinson (2005): The Rise of Europe: Atlantic Trade, Institutional Change, and Economic Growth, in: *American Economic Review* 95(3), pp. 546-579. (*)

7. THE ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES OF THE 'GLORIOUS REVOLUTION' OF 1688

- Douglas C. North and Barry R. Weingast (1989): Constitutions and Commitment: The Evolution of Institutional Governing Public Choice in Seventeenth-Century England, in: *Journal of Economic History* 49(4), pp. 803-832.

8. INSTITUTIONAL CHANGE IN THE GERMAN STATES, 1789-1900

- Daron Acemoglu, Davide Cantoni, Simon Johnson, and James A. Robinson (2011): The Consequences of Radical Reform: The French Revolution, in: *American Economic Review* 101(7), pp. 3286-3307. (*)

9. THE ABOLITION OF SERFDOM IN THE RUSSIAN EMPIRE

- Andrei Markevich and Ekaterina Zhuravskaya (2018): The Economic Effects of the Abolition of Serfdom: Evidence from the Russian Empire, in: *American Economic Review* 108(4), pp. 1074-1117. (*)

10. INSTITUTIONAL CHANGE IN JAPAN

- Katharina Mühlhoff (2014): The Economic Costs of Sleaze or How Replacing Samurai with Bureaucrats Boosted Regional Growth in Meiji Japan, in: *Econometrica* 8(2), pp. 201-239. (*)

11. COLONIAL INSTITUTIONS AND LONG-RUN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Daron Acemoglu, Simon Johnson, and James A. Robinson (2001): The Colonial Origins of Comparative Development: An Empirical Investigation, in: *American Economic Review* 91(5), pp. 1369-1401. (*)

12. THE LONG-RUN CONSEQUENCES OF COLONIAL RULE IN INDIA

- Abhijit Banerjee and Lakshmi Iyer (2005): History, Institutions, and Economic Performance: The Legacy of Colonial Land Tenure Systems in India, in: *American Economic Review* 95(4), pp. 1190-1213. (*)

13. THE LONG-RUN CONSEQUENCES OF COLONIAL RULE IN SOUTH AMERICA

- Melissa Dell (2010): The Persistent Effects of Peru's Mining Mita, in: *Econometrica* 78(6), pp. 1863-1903. (*)

14. THE LONG-RUN CONSEQUENCES OF SLAVE TRADE

- Nathan Nunn (2008): The Long-term Effects of Africa's Slave Trades, in: *Quarterly Journal of Economics* 123(1), pp. 139-176. (*)