Historical Perspectives on Economic Growth

Module Code: ECO00018C
Credits: 20
Terms: 1-3

Contact Hours: 24 Lectures, 2 Practicals, 6 Seminars (32 contact hours)
Module Organiser: M Morys

Overview

Aims
Subject content
To understand patterns of economic change and diversity in the modern world, looking in particular at: the 'Great Divergence' between the western and the eastern economies; the processes of and determinants of industrialisation in the western economies; the importance of trade and the role of fixed/floating exchange rates in international regimes; sustainable growth and development; the impact of depression on the western developed economies; alternative ways of managing the economy - fascist regimes in inter-war Europe and the communist regime in Russia.

Skills content
To develop the following key transferrable skills: the ability to undertake group investigation; the ability to work to a deadline; the ability to present information clearly and effectively; the ability to evaluate a range of quantitative and qualitative evidential material; and the ability to analyse, construct and defend an argument.

Objectives
On completing the module students will have a greater understanding of the history board patterns of economic change and diversity in the modern world, including: the ‘Great Divergence’; industrialisation in the western economies; the importance of international trade and exchange rates; sustainable growth and development; the impact of depression on the western developed economies; alternative economic models.

In addition you will gain a number of transferrable skills suitable to the workplace through undertaking group investigation; delivering essays and presentations; preparing for examination; assessing data and information; and analysing and developing arguments.

Assessment
Unseen 3 hour examination in the Summer Term

Pre-requisites
None

Main References