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Economic History for Economists

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Description:

The aim of the module is to introduce PhD students in economics to key debates in economic history. The module is specifically shaped to show how economic theory and econometric techniques can be used to investigate the past. At the same time, how the historical perspective can provide an alternative/complementary view on main economic issues and debates.

The module comprises an introductory lecture on the relation between economics and economic history, followed by three meetings on specific issues, including gender, education, and financial intermediation.

Structure:

Meetings are structured this way: a brief introduction to the topic treated in the seminar, presentation of a paper, discussion, and open questions.

Students are expected to attend all seminars and, based on a rota system, to act as discussants and chairs. Active participation to the classes is monitored and is part of the assessment.

Assessment:

Students will be partly assessed on the basis of the participation to the class activities. Students are also required to complete the following piece of assessment:

- 1) Writing **two** referee reports on the papers presented in the seminars or on two articles on the same subject agreed in advance with the teachers.
- 2) **Alternatively**, students can write a review of the literature on one of the themes discussed in the module **or** on another topic to be **agreed in advance** with the teachers.

Provisional programme (*dates are confirmed, but the exact order of the seminars can be subject to changes*). Seminars will take place in Room 4 at the *Collegio Carlo Alberto*.

- 14th January (9.30-13 and 14-15): Introduction: Economic history for economists – Paolo Di Martino.
- 14th January (9.30-13 and 14-15): Presentation of the module and introduction to the readings – Marco Molteni.
- 29 January, (9.30-13): Giuliana Freschi, Scuola Superiore Sant’Anna Pisa, TBA.
- 30 January, (9.30-13): Francesco Cinnirella, University of Bergamo, TBA.
- 31 January, (9.30-13): Marco Molteni, University of Turin, TBA.