

Proposal for a 12 hour course in Economic History
Based loosely on EC9C1, which I teach at the University of Warwick

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Part 1: A crash course in economic history

Hours 0:00-3:00

- Lectures covering:
 - The Great Divergence
 - The Industrial Revolution
 - The Great Depression

Hours 3:00-6:00

- We will all read Meissner's "One from the Many: The Global Economy Since 1850" and spend three hours discussing it, structured around a set of discussion questions James has prepared.

Part 2: The part where we try to read as many recent top 5s as possible

Hours 6:00-9:00

- James will select 4 papers that were recently published in "Top 5" economics journals and present them to the class.

Hours 9:00-12:00

- Students will select 4 papers that are currently "revise and resubmit" or forthcoming in "Top 5" economics journals and we will discuss them based on questions James prepares.