

Economic History

Proposed syllabus for 6 hours of contact

Based loosely on EC9C1, which I teach at Warwick

Part 1: A crash course in economic history [2 hours]

- Advance reading: None.
- James will lecture on the Great Divergence and the Great Depression

Part 2: A discussion of a recent book in economic history by major authors and with comprehensive scope [1 hour]

- Advance reading: Greif, A., Mokyr, J., & Tabellini, G. (2025). *Two Paths to Prosperity: Culture and Institutions in Europe and China, 1000–2000*. Princeton University Press.
- James will lead a discussion of the book based on review questions that he has prepared in advance.

Part 3: Lectures based on the research frontier [90 minutes]

- Advance reading: None.
- James will lecture on: Delabastita, V., & Rubens, M. (2025). Colluding against workers. *Journal of Political Economy*, 133(6), 1796-1839.
- James will also lecture on: Mitrunen, M. (2025). War reparations, structural change, and intergenerational mobility. *The Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 140(1), 521-584.
- With time permitting, he will also lecture on: Ottinger, S., & Voigtländer, N. (2025). History's Masters The Effect of European Monarchs on State Performance. *Econometrica*, 93(1), 95-128.
- These papers have been chosen based on their recency.

Part 4: Discussion of papers based on the research frontier [90 minutes]

- Advance reading: Two papers selected by the students. These must be revise and resubmit or forthcoming at “Top Five” journals, and with no authors from Rom Tor Vergata or Warwick.
- James will lead a discussion on the two papers based on review questions that he has prepared in advance.