

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL HISTORY

EH2497/2997 BRITAIN'S INDUSTRIAL MATURITY

Lecture Timetable:

Week 1	30 Jan	10.30	(1) Introduction
	30 Jan	2.30	(2) The impact of the railway
Week 2	6 Feb	10.30	(3) The rise of the staples
	6 Feb	2.30	(4) Overseas Trade
Week 3	13 Feb	10.30	(5) The state, society and poverty
	13 Feb	2.30	(6) Urbanisation
Week 4	20 Feb	10.30	(7) Labour in the 'world's workshop'.
	20 Feb	2.30	(8) The Great Depression
Week 5	27 Feb	10.30	(9) Britain in the world market place
	27 Feb	2.30	(10) Retardation 1
Week 6	6 Mar	10.30	(11) Retardation 2
	6 Mar	2.30	(12) Rural England
	7 Mar	Before 12 noon	Submission of minor assignment
Week 7	13 Mar	10.30	(13) The export of capital
	13 Mar	2.30	(14) The rise of mass consumption
Week 8	20 Mar	10.30	(15) The rise of the labour movement
	20 Mar	2.30	(16) The 'new approach' to social welfare

ALL STUDENTS - Essay deadline: 2 May 2003, with the essay title to be taken from LIST 1.

Students following the module in its 20 credit mode are required to submit a second essay from List 2 by 9 May 2003.

Tutorials

Details of groups, tutors, topics and dates are posted on departmental notice boards.

NB Tutorial classes will commence during week 2, i. e, from week beginning 3 February 2003.

Aims and module outline:

With industrialisation, first in Britain and then elsewhere, a new international framework emerged from the mid-nineteenth century. This module examines the process of Britain's adjustment to the growth of a competitive situation, together with the impact of continuing economic and social development. Further economic and social change is the focus of the opening period addressed by the course. This reviews Britain's unique position as the first industrial nation, together with mid-nineteenth century features – the railway, free trade and urban growth. After 1870, issues, such as the 'Great Depression', Britain's response to competition, the export of capital and the problem of retardation, are key themes. Alongside these, social change, embracing the returns to labour, the greater development of trade unions and environmental and welfare policies, are examined.

Learning Outcomes:

Subject-specific skills:

By the end of the module you should have developed your knowledge and understanding of Britain's economy and society during the period 1830 – 1914, and, in particular:

- a. have gained an understanding of the interaction between economic and social forces during the development of industrial maturity;
- b. have explored definitions, interpretations and approaches taken by historians and social scientists in their analyses of this process;
- c. be able to appreciate economic and sociological terminology, and quantitative data;
- d. have acquired an appreciation of the significances of the deepening of industrialisation and the development of the world economy in the overall experience of humankind; and
- e. be able to assess the consequences of economic structural transformation for members of society, whether as groups or as a whole.

In addition, by successfully completing the module, you should have further developed a number of *key skills*, particularly:

- a. written communication, through the submission of an assignment and an essay;
- b. oral communication, through the delivery of a presentation, being a required component of the tutorial programme, and by interaction with members of the tutorial group; and
- c. independent study, involving the production of summaries of complex information and arguments, the meeting of deadlines and time management.

Skills development at Finals level:

Subject Specific Skills	How Developed	How Assessed
Read, analyse and reflect critically and contextually upon historical texts and other source materials	Through background reading, together with more specific reading for tutorials and essays.	Through tutorial presentations; by completing continuous assessments – minor assignment and essay - and formal examination.
Develop an understanding of the varieties of approaches to understanding, constructing and interpreting the past and of comparative perspectives on the past	Through reflecting upon lectures and by background reading, together with more specific reading for tutorials and essays.	Through tutorial presentations; by completing continuous assessments – minor assignment and essay - and formal examination.
Gather and deploy evidence and data to develop and sustain historical arguments	Through background reading, together with more specific reading for tutorials and essays.	Through tutorial presentations; by completing continuous assessment – minor assignment and essay - and formal examination.

LTS Skills	How Developed	How Assessed
IT Skills	By the presentation of tutorial papers, minor assignment and essay	Assignment and essay formally assessed.
Numeracy	By the presentation of tutorial papers, minor assignment and essay	Assignment and essay formally assessed.
Written Communication	By the presentation of minor assignment and essay	Assignment and essay formally assessed.
Oral Communication	Tutorial presentations	Tutor's response
Team Working	Tutorial	Tutor's response

LECTURES

This is arranged by lectures, with titles of books beginning with the author's surname, and titles of articles with author's initials.

1. INTRODUCTION

The course: lectures, reading, classes and essays

Outline mini-lecture:

Continuing industrialisation

Britain's position in the world

The social dimension

(a) General texts:

(i) covering all of the period

Mathias, P., *The first industrial nation* (2nd ed., 1983).

Crouzet, F., *The Victorian economy* (1982).

Pollard, S., *Britain's prime and Britain's decline. The British economy 1870-1914* (1989).

Clapham, Sir J. H., *An economic history of modern Britain*, 3 vols. (2nd ed., 1950-2).

and, with a European comparative dimension: Landes, D., *The unbound prometheus* (1969).

for background: - Daunton, M. J., *Progress and Poverty. An economic and social history of Britain 1700-1850* (1995)

(ii) covering the period, and beyond 1914

Floud, R. & McCloskey, D. (eds), *The economic history of Britain since 1700*, II, 1860-1939 (2nd ed., 1994).

Ashworth, W., *An economic history of England 1870-1939* (1960).

Sayers, R. S., *A history of economic change in England, 1880-1939* (1967).

Hobsbawm, E. J., *Industry and empire* (1968).

Kirby, M. W., *The decline of British economic power since 1870* (1981).

Dintenfass, M., *The decline of industrial Britain 1870-1980* (1992).

Alford, B. W. E., *Britain in the world economy since 1880* (1996).

(iii) with an emphasis on economic growth

Deane, P. & Cole, W. A., *British economic growth, 1688-1959* (2nd ed., 1967).

Matthews, R. C. O. et al, *British economic growth 1856-1973* (1982).

(b) Period studies

Church, R. A., *The great Victorian boom, 1850-1873* (1975).

Saul, S. B., *The myth of the great depression* (1969).

Gourvish, T. R., & O'Day, A. (eds), *Later Victorian Britain 1867-1900* (1988).

(c) Social history

- Bedarida, F., *A social history of England 1857-1975* (1979).
Royle, E., *Modern Britain. A social history 1750-1985* (1989).
Harris, J., *Private lives, public spirit; a social history of Britain, 1870-1914* (1993).
Purvis, J. (ed.), *Women's history: Britain 1850-1945* (1995).

(d) Statistical sources

- Mitchell, B. R. & Deane, P., *Abstract of British historical statistics* (1962).
Feinstein, C. H., *National income, expenditure and output of the U.K. 1855-1955* (1972).

2. THE IMPACT OF THE RAILWAY

Introduction – the importance of railways

The impact of the railway as an initiator/sustainer of industrialisation -

- **The railway as an idea**
- **The railway as a construction enterprise**
- **The railway as a transport enterprise**
- **The railway as a financial and corporate enterprise**

The railway and the growth of the Victorian economy.

- Freeman, M. J., & Aldcroft, D. H. (eds), *Transport in Victorian Britain* (1988).
B. R. Mitchell, 'The coming of the railway and United Kingdom economic growth', *J. of Economic History* [hereafter *JEH*], 24 (1964).
Reed, M. C. (ed.), *Railways in the Victorian economy* (1969).
Hawke, G., *Railways and economic growth in England and Wales 1840-1870* (1970).
Gourvish, T. R., *Railways and the British economy 1830-1914* (1980).
----, 'Railway enterprise', in: Church, R. A. (ed.), *The dynamics of Victorian business* (1980).
----, 'The railways and the development of managerial enterprise in Britain, 1850-1939', in
Kobayashi, K. & Morikawa, H. (eds), *Development of managerial enterprise* (1986).
Irving, I. R., *The North Eastern Railway Company 1870-1914* (1976).
Simmons, J., *The railway in England and Wales*, 3 vols. (1978-).

3. TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE AND THE RISE OF THE STAPLES

The process of technological change

Growth paths of the staples over the mid-century: technology and the scale of production in textiles, coal and iron.

Factors explaining the rise to dominance of the staple industries

- Church, R. A. (ed.), *The dynamics of Victorian business* (1980).

Coal:

- Mitchell, B. R., *Economic development of the British coal industry 1800-1914* (1984).
Church, R. A., *The history of the British coal industry*, III, 1830-1913 (1986).
Taylor, A. J., 'Labour productivity and technical innovation in the British coal industry, 1850-1914',
Economic History R. [hereafter *EHR*] (1961).

Cotton:

- Farnie, D. A., *The English cotton industry and the world market, 1815-1896* (1979).
Howe, A., *The cotton masters* (1984).
Taylor, A. J., 'Concentration and specialization in the Lancashire cotton industry, 1825-50', *EHR.*
(1949).
M. Blaug, 'The productivity of capital in the Lancashire cotton industry during the nineteenth century', *EHR* (1961).
V. A. C. Gatrell, 'Labour, power and the size of firms in Lancashire cotton in the second quarter of the nineteenth century', *EHR.* 30 (1977).

- S. D. Chapman, 'Financial restraints on the growth of firms in the cotton industry: 1790-1840', *EHR.*, 32 (1979).
R. Lloyd-Jones & A. A. Le Roux, 'The size of firms in the cotton industry: Manchester, 1815-1841', *EHR.*, 33 (1980).

Other staples:

- Jenkins, D., & Ponting, K. G., *The British wool textile industry, 1770-1914* (1982).
Birch, A., *Economic history of the British iron and steel industry 1784-1870* (1967).
Hyde, C. K., *Technological change and the British iron industry, 1700-1870* (1977).
P. Ridden, 'The output of the British iron industry before 1870', *EHR.*, 30 (1977).

4. OVERSEAS TRADE

Overseas demand in the mid-19 century

The triumph of free trade

The expansion of overseas trade

Overseas dealings and the British economy

Growth of overseas trade:

- Imlah, A. H., *Economic elements in the Pax Britannica: studies in British foreign trade in the nineteenth century* (1958).
F. Crouzet, 'Towards an export economy: British exports during the industrial revolution', *Explorations in Economic History* (1980)
----, 'Trade and empire: the British experience from the establishment of free trade until the First World War', in: Ratcliffe, B. M. (ed.), *Great Britain and her world, 1750-1914* (1975).
D. N. McCloskey, 'Magnanimous Albion: free trade and British national income, 1841-1881', *Explorations in Economic History*, 17 (1980).

Adoption of free trade

- Williams, J. B., *British commercial policy and trade expansion 1750-1850* (1972).
Checkland, S., *British public policy 1776-1939* (1983).
Brown, L., *The Board of Trade and the Free Trade movement 1830-1842* (1958).
McCord, N., *The Anti-Corn Law League 1838-1846* (1958).
Gramp, W. D., *The Manchester School of Economics* (1960).
S. Fairlie, 'The nineteenth century corn law reconsidered', *EHR.* (1965).
K. Fielden, 'The rise and fall of free trade', in: Barlett, C. J. (ed.), *Britain pre-eminent* (1969).
A. C. Howe, 'Free trade and the City of London, c.1820-1870', *History*, 77 (1992).
J. R. Davis, 'The British *sonderweg*: the peculiarities of British free trade, 1845-80', *Diplomacy & Statecraft*, 8 (1997).

Imperialism:

- R. E. Robinson & J. Gallaher, 'The imperialism of Free Trade', *EHR.* (1953).
Semmel, B., *The rise of free trade imperialism* (1970).
Harnetti, P., *Imperialism and free trade: Lancashire and India in the mid-nineteenth century* (1972).
Platt, D. C. M., *Finance, Trade and Politics in British foreign policy, 1814-1914* (1976).
----, (ed.), *Business imperialism, 1840-1930* (1977).
P. K. O'Brien, 'The costs and benefits of British imperialism 1846-1914', *Past & Present*, 120 (1988).

5. THE STATE, SOCIETY AND POVERTY

The New Poor Law of 1834

The New Poor Law in practice

Self-help and charity

The New Poor Law:

Rose, M. E., *The English poor law, 1780-1930* (1971).

-----, *The relief of poverty 1834-1914* (1972).

----- (ed.), *The poor and the city* (1985).

Edsall, N. C., *The Anti-Poor Law movement 1834-44* (1971)

Fraser, D. (ed.), *The new poor law in the nineteenth century* (1976).

Crowther, M. A., *The workhouse system 1834-1929* (1981).

Digby, A., *The poor law in nineteenth century England and Wales* (1982).

Poverty:

Treble, J. H., *Urban poverty in Britain 1830-1914* (1983).

O. R. McGregor, 'Social research and social policy in the nineteenth century', *British J. of Sociology*, 8 (1957).

Self-help and charity:

Gosden, P. H. J. H., *The friendly societies in England 1815-75* (1961).

Mowatt, C. L., *The Charity Organisation Society, 1869-1913* (1961).

Hopkins, E., *Working-class self-help in nineteenth century England* (1995).

6. URBANISATION

The rise of the city

The growth of suburbia

Problems of unregulated urban growth

Action and Intervention

Urbanisation and suburbanisation:

Dyos, H. J., *Victorian suburb* (1961).

Briggs, A., *Victorian cities* (1963).

Thompson, F. M. L., *Hampstead: building a borough 1650-1964* (1974).

-----, (ed.), *The rise of suburbia* (1982).

Dyos, H. J., & Wolff, M. (eds), *The Victorian city*, 2 vols. (1976)

Daunton, M., *House and home in the Victorian city* (1983).

Rodger, R. G., *Nineteenth century housing* (1989).

Health in towns:

Lambert, R. J., *Sir John Simon* (1963).

Longmate, N., *King Cholera* (1966).

Wohl, A., *Endangered lives: public health in Victorian Britain* (1983).

The working-class experience:

Chapman, S. D. (ed.), *The history of working class housing* (1971).

Gouldie, E., *Cruel habitations: a history of working class housing 1780-1918* (1974).

Englander, D., *Landlord and tenant in urban Britain 1838-1918* (1983).

D. R. Green & A. G. Paton, 'Slums and slum life in Victorian England', in: Gaskell, S. M. (ed.), *Slums* (1990).

Housebuilding:

H. J. Habakkuk, 'Fluctuations in housebuilding in Britain and the United States', *JEH* (1962).

S. B. Saul, 'Housebuilding in England, 1890-1914', *EHR*. (1962/3).

Lewis, J. Parry, *Building cycles and Britain's growth* (1965).

Doughty, M. (ed.), *Building the industrial city* (1986).
Barker, T. C. & Robbins, M., *A History of London transport*, 2 vols. (1963, 1974).
Mitchinson, R., *British population growth since 1860* (1976).
Baines, D., *Migration in a mature economy* (1985).

Regulation and intervention:

Ashworth, W., *The genesis of modern British town planning* (1964).
Offer, A., *Property and politics 1870-1914* (1981).
Williamson, J. C., *Coping with city growth during the industrial revolution* (1990).
R. Millward & S. Sheard, 'The urban fiscal problem, 1870-1914: government expenditure and finance in England and Wales', *EHR.*, 48 (1995).
J. F. Wilson, 'The finance of municipal capital expenditure in England and Wales, 1870-1914', *Financial History Review*, 4 (1997).

7. LABOUR IN THE 'WORLD'S WORKSHOP'.

Labour organisation pre-1850

General features of labour in the mid-19 century - the labour 'aristocracy' and the stratification of the working classes.

'Types' of trade unions

Developments and legal reform 1866-71

Development of trade unions:

G. D. H. Cole, 'Some notes on British trade unions in the third quarter of the nineteenth century', reprinted in Carus-Wilson, E. M. (ed.), *Essays in British economic history*, III (1962).
Musson, A. E., *British trade unions 1800-1875* (1972).
Lovell, J., *British Trade unions 1875-1933* (1977).
Lovell, J., *Trade unions in twentieth century Britain* (1996)
E. J. Hobsbawm, 'Artisan or labour aristocrat?', *EHR.* (1984).
----, *Labouring men* (1964)
P. J. Murphy, 'The origins of the 1852 lock-out in the British engineering industry reconsidered', *International Review of Social History*, 23 (1978).
C. G. Hanson, 'Craft unions, benefits and the case for trade union law reform, 1867-1875', *EHR.*, 28 (1975).
P. Thane, 'Craft unions, welfare benefits and the case for trade union reform', *EHR.*, 29 (1976).

Labour 'aristocracy':

Crossick, G., *An artisan elite in Victorian society* (1978).
---- (ed.), *The lower middle class in Britain, 1870-1914* (1977).
Gray, R. Q., *The labour aristocracy in Victorian Edinburgh* (1976).
Gray, R., *The aristocracy of labour in nineteenth century Britain c.1850-1914* (1981).
Harrison, R., *Before the socialists* (1965).
Foster, J., *Class struggle and the industrial revolution* (1974).
Reid, A. J., *Social classes and social relations in Britain, 1850-1914*.

8. THE GREAT DEPRESSION

Contemporary perceptions of economic problems, 1873-1896.

The price fall; causes and consequences.

International economic rivalry and its consequences.

Differing economic and social experiences of the last quarter of the century.

H. L. Beales, 'The great depression in industry and trade', *EHR.* (1934).
Rostow, W. W., *The British economy of the nineteenth century* (1948).
A. E. Musson, 'The great depression, 1873-96: a reappraisal', *JEH* (1959).
D. J. Coppock, 'The causes of the great depression', *Manchester School* (1961).

- J. Saville, 'Mr Coppock on the great depression', *Manchester School* (1963).
A. E. Musson, 'British industry growth during the great depression 1873-1896: some comments', *EHR*. (1963).
D. J. Coppock, 'British industry growth during the great depression 1873-1896: a pessimist's view', *EHR*. (1964).
Saul, S. B., *The myth of the great depression* (1969).
Y. G. Park, 'Depression and capital formation; the United Kingdom and Germany, 1873-96', *J. of European Economic History* [hereafter *JEEH*], 26 (1997).

9. BRITAIN IN THE WORLD MARKET PLACE

Introduction: the international, world and global economies

Britain's pattern of trade

Some observations: the empire, multi-lateral trade; Britain's share of world trade

Invisible trade

Long-term patterns and implications for British growth

Growth of trade:

- Saul, S. B., *Studies in British overseas trade 1870-1914* (1960).
----, 'The export economy', *Yorkshire Bulletin of Economic and Social Research* (1965).
Aldcroft, D. H.(ed.), *The development of British industry and foreign competition, 1875-1914* (1968).
S. J. Nicholas, 'The overseas marketing performance of British industry', *EHR*. (1984).
T. J. Hatton, 'The demand for British exports, 1870-1914', *EHR.*, 43 (1990).
J. Brown, 'Imperfect competition and Anglo-German trade rivalry: markets for cotton textiles before 1914', *JEH*, 55 (1995).

Tariff reform:

- Brown, B. H., *The Tariff Reform Movement in Great Britain, 1881-1895* (1943).
Amery, J., *Joseph Chamberlain and the Tariff Reform Campaign. The life of Joseph Chamberlain*, V (1969).
A. J. Marrison, 'The development of a Tariff Reform policy during Joseph Chamberlain's First Campaign, May 1903-February 1904', in: Chaloner, W. H. & Ratcliffe, B. M. (eds), *Trade and transport* (1977).
----, 'Businessmen, industries and tariff reform in Great Britain, 1903-1930', *Business History*, 25 (1983).
----, *British business and protection, 1903-32* (1996).
F. H. Capie, 'Tariff protection and economic performance in the nineteenth century', in Black, J. & L. A. Winters (eds), *Policy and performance in international trade* (1983).

Imperialism:

- Owen, R., & B. Sutcliffe (eds), *Studies in the theory of Imperialism* (1972).
Fieldhouse, D., *Economics and empire* (1973).
Porter, B., *The Lion's share. A short history of British Imperialism* (1975).
Cain, P. J., *Economic foundations of British overseas expansion, 1815-1914* (1980)
----, 'Political economy in Edwardian England: the Tariff Reform controversy', in: O'Day, A. (ed.), *The Edwardian age* (1979).
P. J. Cain, & A. G. Hopkins, 'Gentlemanly capitalism and British expansion overseas. I: The old colonial system, 1688-1850', *Economic History R.* (1986): '... II; new imperialism, 1850-1945', *EHR*. (1987).
D. McLean, 'Finance and 'informal empire' before the First World War, *EHR*, 29 (1976).
A. Offer, 'The British empire, 1870-1914: a waste of money?', *EHR.*, 46 (1993).

10 -11. RETARDATION

The slowing of economic growth before 1914

The retardation debate

Explanations: inevitable deceleration in a mature economy, the early start, economic causes, 'sociological' explanations.

Did Britain fail before 1914?

i) Timing

E. H. Phelps Brown & S. J. Handfield Jones, 'The climacteric of the 1890s: a study on the expanding economy', *Oxford Economic Papers* (1952).

D. J. Coppock, 'The climacteric of the 1890s: a critical note', *Manchester School* (1956).

D. N. McCloskey, 'Did Victorian Britain fail?', *EHR.* (1970).

Matthews, R. C. O., C. H. Feinstein & J. C. Odling-Smee, *British economic growth 1856-1973* (1982).

C. H. Feinstein, 'The timing of the climacteric and its sectoral incidence in the U. K., 1873-1913,' in: Kindleberger, C. P. & di Tell, G. (eds), *Economics in the long view* (1981).

ii) A technological explanation?

M. Frankel, 'Obsolescence and technological change in a maturing economy', *American Economic Review* (1955).

E. Ames & E. Rosenberg, 'Changing technological leadership and industrial growth', *Economic Journal* (1963).

Habakkuk, H. J., *American and British technology in the nineteenth century* (1962).

Saul, S. B. (ed.), *Technological change: the United States and Britain in the nineteenth century* (1970).

Locke, R. R., *The end of practical man: entrepreneurship and higher education in Germany, France and Great Britain* (1984).

D. C. Coleman & C. MacLeod, 'Attitudes and new techniques: British businessmen, 1800-1950', *EHR.*, 39 (1986).

iii) Further explanations: economic and social

J. Saville, 'Some retarding factors in the British economy before 1914', *Yorkshire Bulletin of Economic and Social research* (1961).

H. W. Richardson, 'Retardation in Britain's industrial growth, 1870-1913', *Scottish Journal of Political Economy* (1965).

W. Ashworth, 'Changes in industrial structure, 1870-1914', *Yorkshire Bulletin of Economic and Social Research* (1965)

-----, 'The late Victorian economy', *Economica* (1966).

C. H. Wilson, 'Economy and society in late Victorian Britain', *EHR.* (1965).

Levine, A. M., *Industrial retardation in Britain 1880-1914* (1967).

Lewis, W. A., *Growth and fluctuations 1870-1913* (1978).

Tomlinson, J., *Problems of British economic policy 1870-1945*.

Wiener, J. H., *English culture and the decline of the industrial spirit, 1850-1980* (1981).

Collins, B. & K. Robbins (eds), *British culture and economic decline* (1990).

Rubenstein, W. D., *Men of property: the very wealthy in Great Britain since the Industrial Revolution* (1981).

-----, *Wealth and inequality in Britain* (1986).

-----, 'Gentlemen, capitalism and British industry, 1820-1914', *Past and Present*, 12 (1991).

-----, *Capitalism, culture and decline in Britain, 1750-1950* (1994).

M. J. Daunton, 'Gentlemanly capitalism and British industry, 1820-1914', *Past and Present*, 122 (1989)

F. M. L. Thompson, 'Life after death: how successful nineteenth-century businessmen disposed of their fortunes', *EHR.*, 43 (1990).

iv) Entrepreneurial and institutional failure

C. Erickson, *British industrialists. Steel and hosiery, 1850-1950* (1959).

- D. H. Aldcroft, 'The entrepreneur and the British economy 1870-1914', *EHR*. (1964).
---- (ed.), *The development of British industry and foreign competition, 1875-1914* (1968).
McCloskey, D. N. (ed.), *Essays on a mature economy: Britain after 1840* (1971).
----, *Enterprise and trade in Victorian Britain* (1981).
D. C. Coleman. 'Gentleman and players', *EHR*. (1973).
Payne, P. L., *British entrepreneurship in the nineteenth century* (1974).
---- 'Family business in Britain: an historical and analytical survey', in Okochii, A. & S. Yasuka
(eds), *Family business in the era of industrial growth* (1984).
H. Berghof and R. Möller, 'Tired pioneers and dynamic newcomers? A comparative essay on
English and German entrepreneurial history, 1870-1914', *EHR*., 47 (1994).
B. Elbaum and W. Lazonick, 'The decline of the British economy: an institutional perspective', *JEH*
(1984).
----, *The decline of the British economy* (1986).
Kennedy, W. P., *Industrial structure, capital markets and origins of British economic decline* (1987).
Collins, M., *Banks and industrial finance in Britain 1800-1939* (1992).
F. Capie & T. Mills, 'British bank conservatism in the late nineteenth century', *Explorations in
Economic History*, 32 (1995).

v) Case studies

- R. Walters, 'Labour productivity in the south Wales steam-coal industry, 1870-1914', *EHR* , 28
(1975).
B. T. Hirsch, & W. J. Hausman, 'Labour productivity in the British and south Wales coal industry
1874-1914', *Economica* (1983).
Church, R. A., *The history of the British coal industry*, III, 1830-1913 (1986).
----, 'Production, employment and labour productivity in the British coalfields, 1880-1913: some
reinterpretations', *Business History*, 31 (1989).
Burn, D. L., *The economic history of steelmaking, 1867-1939* (1940).
Carr, J. D., & Taplin, *A history of the British steel industry* (1962).
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in two systems* (1966).
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(1973).
R. C. Allen, 'International competition in iron and steel 1850-1913', *JEH*, 39 (1979).
Sandberg, L., *Lancashire in decline* (1974).
Farnie, D. A., *The English cotton industry and the world market, 1815-1896* (1979).
T. Leunig, 'The myth of the corporate economy: factor costs, industrial structure and technological
choice in the Lancashire and New England cotton industries, 1900-13', *Business and Economic
History*, 26 (1997).
Floud, R., *The British machine tool industry, 1850-1914* (1976).
Pollard, S. & Robertson, P., *The British shipbuilding industry* (1979).
A. Godley, 'The development of the UK clothing industry, 1850-1950: output and productivity
growth', *Business History*, 37 (1995).
S. B. Saul, 'The motor industry in Britain to 1914', *Business History* (1962).
R. A. Church, 'Markets and marketing in the British motor industry before 1914', *J. of Transport
History*, 3 (1982).
Byatt, I. C. R., *The British electrical industry 1875-1914* (1979).
C. H. Lee, 'The service sector, regional specialization and economic growth in the Victorian
economy', *J. of Historical Geography* (1984).

12. RURAL ENGLAND

**Introduction: the importance of rural England, agriculture's various sectors, the structure of
farming**

Agriculture's market in the mid-19 century

Foreign competition and the changing market 1873-1914

Responses to new conditions - the experience of landlords, tenant farmers and labourers.

Long term patterns: agriculture and rural society in the early 20c.

'Golden age':

- Orwin, C. S. & Whetham, E. H., *History of British agriculture 1856-1914* (1964).
Jones, E. L., *The development of English agriculture, 1815-73* (1968).
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Consequences of overseas investment – disadvantages?

Conclusion

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Introduction and recap

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Factors promoting change

New legislative measure

Conclusion – A Welfare State?

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Tutorial Topics

1. How far did the period 1850-73 comprise a 'mid-Victorian boom' and a 'Golden Age'?

Aspects to consider:

- a. characteristics of a boom
- b. prices, rates of growth of investment and GNP.
- c. stimuli to growth in home and international markets
- d. fortunes of agriculture, industry, trade
- e. 'golden age': economically? socially? and for whom?

2. Why, and with what effects, did Britain become more and more involved in overseas dealings during the period 1850-1914?

Aspects to consider:

- a. nature of overseas dealings
- b. pattern of growth, and influences thereon
- c. importance of free trade and imperial factors
- d. costs and benefits of growing overseas involvement

3. What factors underlay the rise of working class living standards 1850-1914?

Aspects to consider:

- a. problems of definition
- b. did standards rise? - approaches, assessment, timing, relative/absolute
- c. contributing factors
- d. classification and categorisation of factors.
- e. key influences on position of working class

4. 'Entrepreneurs must shoulder the major share of the blame for Britain's poor economic performance during the period 1870-1914.' Appraise this judgement.

Aspects to consider:

- a. identification and role of entrepreneurs
- b. assessing entrepreneurship
- c. criticisms of entrepreneurial behaviour
- d. explanations - economic/market conditions
- e. explanations - sociological
- f. other elements influencing performance

ASSIGNMENTS AND ESSAYS TO BE SUBMITTED FOR CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT

For details of deadlines see the Module Information Sheet provided. If in any doubt, please check at the Departmental Office.

Minor assignment to be undertaken by all students following this module

The exercise for the first assignment in this module is to write a text for an oral presentation. The audience for your presentation is a 'job interviewing panel' of around ten persons. You can assume that they are professional and intelligent (let's face it, you've applied for a job with them!), but that they lack any real knowledge of British economic and social history.

Bearing this in mind, three aspects are important in your presentation:

- (a) A clear structure. To demonstrate this, your presentation should be prefaced by a single sheet comprising the structure you would display in an overhead projection or a 'flip chart' at the outset of your talk.
- (b) Your argument should be clear and succinct. You should support your argument with evidence and examples but remember your audience is listening, not reading through, your material.
- (c) An attempt to make the theme of your presentation relevant to an audience who are not historians. Nevertheless, you should assume the panel comprises 'broadsheet newspaper readers' with an awareness of current economic and social issues.

Choose one of the themes listed below,

and remember you are endeavouring to demonstrate the ability to provide structured information, a clear argument and to make an aspect of history relevant to today.

Your presentation should not exceed 1500 words, excluding your overhead/display chart and the short bibliography which should list the sources used in the compilation of your presentation.

Themes:

1. The extent of, and the factors underlying, Britain's economic dominance during the third quarter of the nineteenth century (1850-75), and the long-term implications of the pattern of development in that period.
2. The significance of steam power in promoting the growth of the British and international economy during the period 1840-1914.
3. Victorian attitudes to poverty as displayed in the operation of the Poor Law of 1834 over the mid-nineteenth century (1834 -1875).
4. 'Increased output alongside increasing inefficiency' as a verdict on the staple industries during the period 1870-1914.
5. 'The decline of agriculture and rural society in Britain over the forty years before 1914.
6. The impact of the 'Great Depression' (1873-96) on the various classes comprising British society, and on economy and society as a whole.
- 7 Britain's contrasting performance in international service trades with that in the export field after 1870.
8. Factors underlying extended provision in the field of social welfare in decade or so before 1914.
9. The trend towards larger units of production and management in the international and the British context during the forty years before 1914.
10. Worsening relations between capital and labour in both the industrial and political sense during the decade and a half before 1914.

ESSAY TOPICS

Essays should be of the order of 2,500 words.

LIST 1 (for all students).

Reading for the majority of topics is to be found in the course bibliography. Tutors will provide guidance as to items of specific relevance.

1. How far did the railway 'revolutionise' transport during the 19th century?
2. Was Britain's focus on the 'staple industries' a 'source of gain' before 1870 and a 'source of weakness' thereafter?
3. In what senses was the New Poor Law of 1834 the 'keystone' of Victorian attitudes and policy to social problems?
4. Examine and account for the decline in the economic, social and political position of landowners during the period 1840-1914.
5. 'Swings and roundabouts.' How far is this a balanced assessment of the effect of the 'Great Depression' (1873-96) on the various classes comprising British society?
6. What were the economic and social consequences of changing demographic trends in the period 1850-1914?
7. Explain the worsening relations between capital and labour in the decade before 1914.

Essay LIST 2 (for 20-credit students ONLY: second essay).

1. 'A period when Britain was at its most productive in technological advance and, thereby, gained enormous international rewards.' Discuss this view with respect to the period 1850-75.
2. How far was Britain's adoption of free trade the key to her success during the third quarter of the 19th century and an 'Achilles heel' during the thirty years before World War 1?
3. How far is the history of the coal industry after 1870 one of 'increased output alongside increasing inefficiency'.
4. 'Political expediency rather than any awakening of social conscience underlay – and explains the nature and limits of – social welfare provisions in the decade or so before 1914.' Appraise this view.
5. Consider the significance of imperialism in Britain's economic performance and policy during the period 1870-1914.