

JOPP, TOBIAS

WINTERSEMESTER 2022/23

33123 Proseminar „Leaving Malthus behind: The Industrial Revolution in Europe and North America“

Block I: Mo, 17.10., 16-19 Uhr c.t., PT 1.0.6

Block II: Di, 21.2. bis Do, 23.02.23, 09-17 Uhr s.t., PT 1.0.6

The Industrial Revolution occupies a central place in historical research. For economic historians, in particular, industrialization refers to the overcoming of the "Malthusian trap" and the perpetuation of economic growth as the basis of any modern, highly developed economy. In the proseminar, selected aspects of this complex process, which brought about profound social, economic, and political changes, will be dealt with in detail. The basic question will be whether the transition from stagnant to positive economic growth should be understood as a relatively sudden "(industrial) revolution" (in the sense of Rostow's "take-off") or as a long-term gradual process ("industrialization").

The course will take place in two blocks. The first will block take place at the beginning of the semester and serves to clarify the organizational details, assign topics, and provide a thematic/formal introduction into the subject. The second block will take place in late-February; participants will then present on their chosen topic. Participants should prepare a presentation covering 35-40 minutes. Regular participation in the discussions (including preparation of texts) is required. Course language will be English only. The seminar paper will be due at the end of March and may be written in English or German.

Leistungsnachweis: Referat und Hausarbeit, Mitarbeit.

Introductory literature

ALLEN, Robert C.: The British Industrial Revolution in global perspective. Cambridge 2009.

ALLEN, Robert C.: Global economic history: A very short introduction. Oxford 2011.

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BATEN, Jörg (ed.): A history of the global economy: 1500 to the present. Cambridge 2016.

CIPOLLA, Carlo M.: Before the Industrial Revolution. European society and economy, 1000-1700. New York 1994.

MALANIMA, Paolo: Pre-modern European economy: One thousand years (10th-19th centuries). Leiden 2009.

MOKYR, Joel: The lever of riches: Technological creativity and economic progress. Oxford 1992.

MOKYR, Joel: The enlightened economy: Britain and the Industrial Revolution, 1700-1850. London 2011.