

## School of History and Classics

### ECONOMIC HISTORY 2

#### FIRST ESSAY

An essay of 2,000 (maximum) words on **ONE** of the following subjects is to be handed into either of the offices, Rooms 126/133 not later than **12 noon on MONDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2005**.

- **Essay submission:** essays/assignments must be submitted to the Economic and Social History office and be stamped with a date-stamp. Additionally, all coursework must be accompanied by a signed 'Declaration of Own Work' cover-sheet. These sheets are available from <http://www.shc.ed.ac.uk/undergraduate/>
- **NOTE:** no essay/assignment may be submitted by email attachment.

All reading material will be found in the Main Library in the open stacks (where books are available on standard or short loan) and the Reserve Section on the ground floor (where borrowing time is limited). In addition, certain reproduced articles will be found in the filing cabinets in the Learning Support Room (Room 134, William Robertson Building) These articles are marked and may be borrowed for a 24-hour period. Please put a bibliography at the end of your essay listing the books etc. you have used. Please note the consequences of late submission of your Essay and the processes for obtaining an extension, which will only be granted in exceptional circumstances (See Course Handout).

#### 1. Critically examine the approaches that have been used to explain Russian economic growth in the eighteenth century

Course handbook 1:

Blanchard, I "Eighteenth-Century Russian Economic Growth: State Enterprise or Peasant Endeavour?", *Jahrbucher fur Geschichte Osteuropas*, vol.45, no-4 (1997)

Blanchard, I *Russia's Age of Silver Precious-Metal Production and Economic Growth in the Eighteenth Century* (London: Routledge, 1989), chapter 5

Hoch, S L "On good numbers and bad: Malthus, population trends and peasant standard of living in late imperial Russia", *Slavic Review*, LIII (1994)

Blum, J *Lord and Peasant in Russia from the Ninth to the Nineteenth Century* (New Jersey: Princeton University Press, 1961)

Kahan, A *The Plow, the Hammer and the Knout. An Economic History of Eighteenth Century Russia* (Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 1985)

#### 2. Compare and contrast the development of estates in the "Black Earth", "Central Industrial" and "Baltic" of Russia, 1796-1858.

Course handbook 2:

#### "Black Earth" Region

Hoch, S L *Serfdom and Social Control in Russia. Petrovskoe, a Village in Tambov* (Chicago, 1986)

Hoch, S L "Bridewealth, Dowry, and Socio-economic Differentiation in Rural Russia" in *Agrarian Organization in the Century of Industrialization: Europe, Russia and North America*, C S Leonard & G Grantham (eds) (Greenwich, Conn. Research in Economic History, Supplement 5B. 1989), Part IV, 389-410

Hoch, S L & "The tax censuses and the decline of the serf population in imperial Russia, 1833-1858", *Slavic Review*, XXXVIII (1979)

Bohacs, R K "Russian Peasant Inheritance Strategies", *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, XVI (1985)

Bohacs, R K "Everyday Forms of Resistance: Serf Opposition to Gentry Exactions, 1800-1861" in *Peasant Economy, Culture and Politics of European Russia, 1800-1921*, E Kingston-Mann & T Mixer (eds) (Princeton: Princeton UP, 1991)

Bohacs, R K "The Mir and the Military Draft", *Slavic Review*, XLVII, 4 (1988)

Czap, P "The perennial multiple family household, Mishino, Russia 1782-1858", *Journal of Family History*, X (1982)

Czap, P "A large family: the peasant's greatest wealth: serf households in Mishino Russia, 1814-1858" in R Wall (ed.), *Family Forms in Historic Europe* (Cambridge, 1983)  
"Central Industrial" Region

Melton, E "Two estates in nineteenth century Russia", *Past and Present*, No. 115 (May, 1987), parts 3-4, pp. 92-106

Melton, E "Enlightened seigniorialism and its dilemmas in serf Russia, 1750-1830", *Journal of Modern History*, LXII (1990), pp.675-708

Melton, E "Household economies and communal conflicts on a Russian serf estate, 1800-1817", *Journal of Social History*, XXVI (1993), pp. 559-585.

#### "Baltic" Region

Plakans, A "Seigneurial authority and peasant family life: the Baltic area in the eighteenth century", *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, V (1975)

Palli, H "Estonian households in the seventeenth and eighteenth century " in R Wall (ed), *Family Forms in Historic Europe* (1983) as background and the former author's "Serf emancipation and the changing structure of rural domestic groups in the Russian Baltic provinces: Linden estate 1797-1858" in Robert McC. Netting (ed.), *Households: Comparative and Historical Studies of the Domestic Group* (1984)

#### 3. Account for the changing competitive position of the Russian iron industry in international markets, 1740-1840.

W L Blackwell, *The Beginnings of Russian Industrialisation*. Vol.1. 1800-1860 (1961), pp.19-28, 56-60 and appendices 2 (I) table A, p.421 and 2 (II) table C, p. 423.

R Portal, "The Industrialization of Russia", *The Cambridge Economic History of Europe*. Vol. VI, 2 (1966), chapter 9, section 2.

Ian Blanchard, "Russia and international iron markets, ca. 1740-1850" unpublished paper presented at the Conference 'Trade, commodity markets and the mercantile contribution to industrialisation' Session: Commodity markets and industrialisation held at The University of Glamorgan, 20-21 April 2001. Available on web-site: [http://www.ianblanchard.com/Research%20IB/Rus\\_Ind/Rus\\_ind.html](http://www.ianblanchard.com/Research%20IB/Rus_Ind/Rus_ind.html)

Ian Blanchard, "Nineteenth-Century Russian and 'Western' Ferrous Metallurgy: Complementary or Competitive Technologies?" in C Evans and G Rydén (eds), *The Industrial Revolution in Iron. The Impact of British Coal Technology in Nineteenth Century Europe* (Aldershot, 2005), pp. 129-150

C-G Hildebrand, "Foreign markets for Swedish iron in the eighteenth century", *Scandinavian Economic History Review*, VI, 1 (1958) [FC] and the same author's "Swedish and Russian Iron in the Eighteenth Century" in I Blanchard et al. (eds.), *Industry and Finance in Early Modern History* (Stuttgart: VSWG Beiheft, No.98. 1992)[FC]

E W Fleischer, "The beginnings of a transatlantic market for Swedish iron", *Scandinavian Economic History Review*, I, 2 (1953)

A Attman, "The Russian Market in World Trade, 1500-1860", *Scandinavian Economic History Review*, XXIX (1981)

B Böethius, "Swedish iron and steel, 1600-1955", *Scandinavian Economic History Review*, VI (1958) [FC]

C K Hyde, *Technological Change and the British Iron Industry, 1700-1870* (1977). Part I, chapter 3; chapter 6, pp.103-8; chapter 7, pp.127-131; Part II, chapter 8, pp.143-5.

#### 4. Examine the nature and use made of customary law in economic and social life of the Russian village, 1844-1894.

##### General

Hoch, S L *Serfdom and Social Control in Russia. Petrovskoe, a Village in Tambov* (1986)

Yaney, G., *The Urge to Mobilize. Agrarian Reform in Russia, 1860-1930* (1982), chapter 2, section C, pp.21-35

Czap, P., "Peasant-class courts and peasant customary justice in Russia, 1861-1912", *Journal of Social History*, I, 2 (1967) [FC]

Lewin, M "Customary law and Russian rural society in the post-Reform era", *The Russian Review*, XLIV, 1 (1985), pp.1-19

Worobec, C D., "Reflections on customary law and post-Reform peasant Russia", *The Russian Review*, XLIV, 1 (1985), pp.21-5. [FC]

Mironov, B N., "The Russian peasant commune and the reforms of the 1860s", *Slavic Review*, XLIV, 3 (1985)

##### Specific aspects

Farnsworth, B., "The litigious daughter-in-law: family relations in rural Russia in the second half of the nineteenth century", *Slavic Review*, XLV, 1 (1986)

Frierson, C., "Crime and punishment in the Russian village: rural concepts of criminality at the end of the nineteenth century", *Slavic Review*, XLVI, 1 (1987)

Engel, B A., "The woman's side: male out-migration and the family economy in Kostroma province", *Slavic Review*, XLV, 2 (1986)

#### 5. Examine the responses of Moscow manufacturers to changing economic circumstances during the years 1855-1914.

T C Owen, *Capitalists and Politics in Russia: A Social History of the Moscow Merchants, 1855-1905* (New York, 1981) and the same author's "The Russian Industrial Society and Tsarist Economic Policy, 1867-1905", *Journal of Economic History*, XLV, 3 (1985).

A J Rieber, *Merchants and Entrepreneurs in Imperial Russia* (Chapel Hill, 1982) and "The Moscow Entrepreneurial Group: the Emergence of a New Form in Autocratic Politics", *Jahrbücher für Geschichte Osteuropas*, XXV (1977)

J A Ruckman, *The Moscow Business Elite. A Social and Cultural Portrait of Two Generations, 1840-1905* (DeKalb, Ill., 1984)

J Bradley, Muzhik and Muscovite: *Urbanization in Late Imperial Russia* (Berkeley, 1985). Part 3, chapters 7-8, pp.249-344

A L Fitzpatrick, *The Great Russian Fair: Nizhnii Novgorod, 1840-90* (1990), chapter 4, pp.142-170

R A Roosa, "Russian Industrialists Look to the Future: Thoughts Upon Economic Development 1906-1917", in J S Curtiss (ed.), *Essays in Russian and Soviet History* (1963) and her "Russian Industrialists and 'State Socialism', 1906-1917", *Soviet Studies*, XXIII, 3 (1972); "'United' Russian Industry", *ibidem*, XXIV, 3 (1973).

J D White, "Moscow, Petersburg and the Russian Industrialists", *Soviet Studies*, XXIV, 3 (1973)

6. Examine the differing impact of the two great railway construction booms of 1864/78 and 1894/99 on the Russian economy.

E Ames, "A century of Russian railroad construction," *American Slavic and East European Review*, VI, 18-9 (1947).

On their market integration effects, the two great railway construction booms of 1864/78 and 1894/99 are considered in a number of articles:

C M White, "The concept of social saving in theory and practice", *Economic History Review*, Second Series, XXIX, 1 (1976) and "The impact of Russian railway construction on the market for grain in the 1860s and 1870s" in L Symons and C M White (eds.), *Russian Transport* (1975).

J Metzger, "Railroad development and market integration: the case of tsarist Russia," *J. Econ. Hist.*, XXXIV, 3 (1974), pp 529-550, the reply of William J Kelly, "Railroad Development and Market Integration in Tsarist Russia: Evidence on Oil Products and Grain," *The Journal of Economic History*, XXXVI, 4 (1976), pp 908-916 and Jacob Metzger, "Railroad Development and Market Integration in Tsarist Russia: A Rejoinder," *ibidem*, pp. 917-918.

J Metzger, "Railroads in tsarist Russia: direct gains and implications", *Explorations in Economic History*, XIII, 1 (1976).

Their "backward linkages" and impact on the iron and steel industry are considered in

Ian Blanchard, "Russian railway construction and the Urals charcoal iron and steel industry, 1851-1914", *Economic History Review*, Second series, LIII, 1 (February, 2000)

7. Examine the Imperial and Provisional Governments' Preparations for and Management of a War Economy, 1905-1917

P Gatrell, *Government, industry and rearmament in Russia, 1900-1914 The Last Argument of Tsarism* (1994); "Industrial Expansion in Tsarist Russia", *Economic History Review*, 2nd series, XXXV (1982) and "After Tsushima: Economic and Administrative Aspects of Russian Naval Re-armament, 1905-1913", *ibidem*, XLIII, 2 (1990)

R C Trebilcock, "British armaments and European industrialization, 1890-1914", *Economic History Review*, 2nd series, XXVI (1973)

L H Siegelbaum, "Moscow Industrialists and the War-Industries Committees during World War I", *Russian History*, 2 (1978)

T Cohen, "Wartime Profits of Russian Industry, 1914-6", *Political Science Quarterly*, LVIII (1943)

M Perrins, "The politics of Russian grain procurements during the first World War", Slavonic and East European Review, LXI (1983)

A Antsiferov, Co-operative Movement in Russia during the War and with others Russian Agriculture during the War. A M Michelson, Russian Public Finance during the War and with S Kohn, The Cost of the War to Russia. P B Struve, Food Supply in Russia During the Great War. S O Zagorsky, State Control of Industry during the War. These are all published in The Economic and Social History of the World War, Russian Series, published by Yale University Press, 1928-32.