

Macroeconomics and Historical Patterns of Growth and Development

Ph. D. course 7,5 higher education credits

Location: Unit for Economic History, Department of Economy of Society, School of Business, Economics and Law, University of Gothenburg

Content: This course deals with the different theories that have tried to explain relative economic development, with special focus on the African, Asian, and Latin American cases since the 1850s. It addresses important issues concerning the role of institutions, both domestic ones and those governing international relations, and their impact on factor accumulation, structural and technical change, international integration and catching up. Macroeconomic theories of development are studied in combination with empirical studies of different regions and time periods.

Teacher: The course will be given by Luis Bértola, who is a professor at the Economic and Social History Programme, Faculty of Social Sciences, Universidad de la República, Uruguay. He is the author, of *The Economic Development of Latin America since Independence* (Oxford University Press, 2012) together with José Antonio Ocampo. He has given postgraduate courses and seminars at more than 20 universities around the world. He is a member of the Uruguayan Academy of Sciences.

Organisation:

May 30–June 6: Luis will give 6 online lectures. Each student will be given an assignment in the form of a minor research task and questions related to the literature.

June 7–August 15: Students work with their home assignments

August 16–19: Examinations in the form of seminars in Gothenburg

Doctoral students at a department for economic history at a Swedish university can get funding for the travel/housing for the seminars in Gothenburg from the National Research School in Economic History.

Those interested in the course should send an email to Svante Prado (svante.prado@econhist.gu.se) no later than April 30.