Summary

The aim of this course is to introduce students to the relationship between demographic change and economic growth. The topic will be approached from the perspective of economic history, with readings and lecture material focusing on periods of significant demographic change in human history. The focus of the course will be on the determinants of population growth in traditional societies; the demographic transition; human migration (including forced migration); changing family dynamics; and the role of public health policy. While the emphasis of the course is on historical examples, the course will be, in part, motivated by related problems in the modern global economy. By the end of the course, students should expect not only to have a greater knowledge of demographic change, but to have also gained some understanding of the application of economic theory and methodology to problems and debates about the relationship between human population and economic growth.

Required Readings:


Reading Package: Selected Journal articles (available on WebCT Vista, online, or on reserve in the library).

Grading Scheme:

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1. Introduction

Lecture Notes

2. Demographic Patterns - Theoretical and Empirical Perspectives

Cain and Paterson, Chapter 3
Lecture Notes
Malthus, T. (1798) An Essay on Population, especially Chapters 1-6, 16 (Available online at http://etext.library.adelaide.edu.au/m/malthus/thomas/)
Cain and Paterson, Chapter 10

Further Readings:

4. The Demographic Transition in European History
- Is Demography at the Root of the Great Divergence?
Cain and Paterson, Chapter 2
Lecture Notes

Further Readings:
5. Fertility Decline and the Changing Family
Cain and Paterson, Chapters 4 and 7

Further Readings:

6. Migration: Voluntary and Forced
Cain and Paterson, Chapters 5, 6

Further Readings:

7. Migration Flows in the Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Centuries

Further Reading:

8. **Demographic Change, Public Health and Long-Term Economic Growth**

   Cain and Paterson, Chapters 8 and 9


9. **Contemporary Demographic Problems**

   Cain and Paterson, Conclusion (Chapter 11)