

**ECONOMIC HISTORY (9CFU) – Faculty of Law, European Studies-Studi Europei) LM90**  
**Prof. Michele Postigliola (6cfu); Prof. Donatella Strangio (3cfu)**

**Course contents**

**First Module (3cfu prof. Donatella Strangio):**

The study program analyzes historical and economic facts through the kaleidoscopic and original perspective of colonialism and decolonization, underlining the importance that the latter holds for the understanding of current phenomena such as inequalities. This part of the course offers an in-depth overview of the topics covered, examining them from the point of view of economic history. The socio-economic changes in the various areas of the globe that compose it are thus reconstructed, highlighting the factors that have influenced the consolidation of the current world economic system with particular reference to the area of Latin America and Africa and Asia and showing how, after the crisis of 2007 and even more so with the pandemic crisis of 2020, it is now necessary to create new rules and new institutions for the increasingly numerous excluded and castaways of globalization. Specifically, the course will be articulated in addressing: - Methodological aspects. Economic system - European Colonialism; China; Japan; America; Africa; the Role of Institutions; decolonization; Cold War; Globalization; Crisis and The Debts; International Migration; Degrowth and new rules for the economy?

**Second Module (6cfu Prof. Michele Postigliola):**

This part of the program is focused on the process of economic development in the global system from a long-term perspective. In this way we intend to account for the major results of historical research for understanding the current economic phenomena at the center of the current debate. Concrete cases of development of the major Western economies will be analyzed, starting from the second part of the XIX century until today. The institutions and economic policies that have allowed or retarded the development of economies will be identified. In particular, the topics covered will be: First wave of globalization- Part 1; First wave of globalization- Part 2; The rise of big business; The economic consequences of World War I; The Great Depression- Part 1; The Great Depression- Part 2; The recovery after the great depression; Economic growth in Europe during the golden age and the Italian economic miracle; The slowdown of economic growth in Europe: oil crises, stagflation, European challenges; European integration and globalization.

*In-depth seminars on specific topics with experts in the field are planned. Study groups will be organised and will be considered for the final examination. Students interested in the course will be invited to register on the Classroom platform through which the lecturer will enter the preparation support materials and provide useful information directly to all students for whom all access keys will be provided.*

*At the end of the 3 cfu there will be a short written exam of 31 multichoice questions via the Moodle platform (Sapienza e-learning for which all access keys will be provided) whose results will be averaged with the final exam grade.*

*Passing this intermediate exam will allow those who pass it not to take this part of the exam (the book Africa Asia and Latin America in Global economic history) in the final exam.*

*At the end of the 6 cfu the students will take, a working groups or single and, the final exam will consist of answering 2 open questions which will be strictly related to the program carried out.*

**Reference for the exam:**

**First Module** (3cfu) Donatella Strangio, *Africa, Asia and Latin America in the Global Economic History*, Rome: New Culture, 2022. (The book is available at the following link: <https://www.nuovacultura.it/prodotto/asia-latin-america-and-africa-in-global-economic-history/>; at the bookshops in viale Ippocrate; on the main online stores i.e. Amazon)

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**Second Module** (6cfu) Michele Postigliola: [michele.postigliola@uniroma1.it](mailto:michele.postigliola@uniroma1.it); The slides and papers in the reading list provided are important for a successful outcome of the exam.

**For those wishing to deepen the following readings are recommended:**

Donatella Strangio, *“Italy -China Trade Relations”, A Historical Perspective* , Springer , New York, 2020.

**Beginning of the lessons: 15 february 2024**

**Lesson time:** Thursday 8:00-11:00; Friday 8:00-10:00 (class hours are 45 minutes long and there are 15 minute breaks)

**This is the link for Wuhan University students to follow the lectures:**

<https://uniroma1.zoom.us/j/86240334381?pwd=Z3RSN2xvaXpJUFg5bzI1MnA0YXFxdz09>

and in attendance at the Amintore Fanfani Room, 5th floor Faculty of Economics, (Dep. MEMOTEF - Economic History, Sapienza University of Rome) via del Castro Laurenziano n. 9.

**Annual exam calendar aa . 2023-2024**

1 period: 30 may 2024; 11 june 2024; 3 july 2024;

2nd period: 12 september 2024

3rd period: 7 november 2024

3 period: 15 january 2025; 29 january 2025.

Extraordinary period (off-course students, undergraduates, part-time, third year three-year or second master's, with disabilities, with SLD, to parent students, to working students, athletes): 14 march 2024

**Exam evaluation methods:**

Only Attending Students: For the first part of the exam (3cfu prof. Donatella Strangio) The exam will consist of an intermediate test with 31 multichoice questions in 30 minutes

For the second part of the exam (6cfu Prof. Michele Postigliola). The exam will consist, in the first part, of works group presentations and a final written exam with 2 open questions that will focus on the program.

Non-Attendants Students: The exam will consist of a written exam of 62 questions (module 1 and 2) in 50 minutes.

**Student reception:** Memotef Department - rooms nn. 544, 545- 5th floor (Economic History) Faculty of Economics- via del Castro Laurenziano, 9 – Roma; email: [donatella.strangio@uniroma1.it](mailto:donatella.strangio@uniroma1.it); [michele.postigliola@uniroma1.it](mailto:michele.postigliola@uniroma1.it) after lessons and by appointment.

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