ORDER AND PLANNING

IN THE HISTORY OF ECONOMICS

This is a course about how people in the United States and Europe experienced the great industrialization that took place between 1860 and 1910, how economists and philosophers tried to understand the radical changes that the giant new manufacturing enterprises were bringing to economic and social life, and how politics and government changed in response to them. You are expected to do all the readings and be prepared to discuss them in class each week. In addition to the readings, requirements include four, 1500-word essays due at various points in the course.

Two books on the syllabus will be distributed to each student:


All the other readings are included in the course reader, which will also be distributed to each student.

Reading Assignments

Week I: Order and Planning


Week II: Inside Contracting


Week III: Scientific Management

Taylor, The Principles of Scientific Management (1911).


ESSAY 1 DUE IN CLASS, WEEK IV
Week IV: Big Business


Week V: Antitrust


Adelstein, "Deciding for Bigness, unpublished manuscript" (2011).

ESSAY 2 DUE IN CLASS, WEEK VI

Week VI: Marx


Week VII: Lenin

Lenin, *State and Revolution* (1917).


Week VIII: Marxism


ESSAY 3 DUE IN CLASS, WEEK IX

Week IX: Supply and Demand

Week X: General Equilibrium Theory


Week XI: Classical Macroeconomics


Week XII: Keynes


ESSAY 4 DUE IN CLASS, WEEK XII