

From Mercantilism to Liberalism: economic development, distribution and institutions

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Description

The course outlines the highlights of one of the most salient moments for the economic discipline, namely the emergence of political economy as an autonomous discipline divorced from ethical-moral reflections. Emphasis will be placed on the institutions (State / Market) responsible for both economic development and distribution.

Course schedule

Lesson 1 Mercantilism – Economic Growth between State and market	Bibliography Cosma Orsi Economic Thought and Social Institutions in Eighteenth Century England
Lesson 2 Mercantilism and social legislation	Bibliography Wilson C. The Other Face of Mercantilism
Lesson 3 Daniel Defoe: Robinson Crusoe and the Homo Oeconomicus's adventures	Bibliography Sercan Öztekin An Analysis of individualism and Human Nature in Robinson Crusoe
Lesson 4 The denial of Mercantilism: Francois Quesnay	Bibliography Walter Eltis The Contrasting Theories of Industrialization of François Quesnay and Adam Smith
Lesson 5 Hume e Smith on economic development and distribution	Bibliography Cosma Orsi: Power and Poverty: Social Legislation in the Years of Adam Smith

Bimester: October-November