

FROM EMPIRE TO NATION: AN ECONOMIC HISTORY OF SPAIN

Number of sessions: 30

Length of each session: 1,5 h

Total length of the module: 45 hours

INTRODUCTION TO THE COURSE

This course examines the economic history of Spain from Imperial times through the late twentieth century. We will examine the sources of Spanish decline, the creation of an integrated national economy, changes in income distribution, and the evolution of political-economic institutions.

REQUIREMENTS

Fluent in English

CONTENT**1. Spain and its Empire in the 18th Century (4 sessions)**

The economy of the metropolis in the 18th century

Economic relations between Spain and its colonies

2. Consequences of the Lost of the Empire (3 sessions)

International trade

Fiscal policies

3. The Construction of a Nation (4 sessions)

Liberal reforms in the 19th century

A failed Industrial development?

Foreign capital: railways and mining

4. Dictatorship, Republic and Civil War (4 sessions)

Industrialisation and diversification between 1900 and 1936

The State and the Economy

Why did the democratic government loose the war?

5. Franco's Autarky: the failure of an interventionist model (4 sessions)

The autarkic model

Divergence from Europe and misery

6. The Spanish Miracle (4 sessions)

Back in the international scene

Liberalisation and Growth

7. The Transition to Democracy (4 sessions)

International economic crisis

Restructuring the economy

8. Spain and European Union (3 sessions)

Economic Integration and growth

GRADING

30% Essay (word limit: 2000 words)

70% Exam (2 hour written exam)

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