

**UNIVERSITY OF DELHI
DELHI SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS**

Minutes of the Meeting

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| Subject | : | B.A. (Hons.) Economics 6 th Sem. |
| Course | : | (ix) Comparative Economic Development 1850-1950 |
| Date of Meetings | : | 15 th January, 2020 |
| Venue | : | Department of Economics, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi |
| Chair | : | Prof. Rohini Somanathan |

Attended by:

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| 1. | Nita Singh | Satyawati (M) |
| 2. | Bhavna Seth | Dayal Singh (M) |
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The following decisions were made:

- 1) The reading list would remain unchanged from the previous year. For ease of access, this list is attached to these minutes.
- 2) The previous minutes stated that no question would be asked from Section 1 of the reading list. It was decided that questions could be asked from this part as it provides important material and context for the course.
- 3) On the examination scheme, it was decided that students would be required to answer one out of two questions from Part A, and 3 out of 4 from Part B. The question in Part A would be worth 15 marks and each of the questions in Part B would be worth 20 marks. Both parts could draw on any topic in the course.
- 4) It would be desirable to revisit the syllabus before January 2022 when the new syllabus which was introduced in the 2019-2020 academic year would be operational for this elective (since it is taught in Semester 6) .

Course Outline and Readings:

1. Introduction and Overview of the countries selected for case studies

Britain:

E.J. Hobsbawm (1968), *Industry and Empire: An Economic History of Britain since 1750*. Weidenfeld & Nicholson, Chs.1

Japan:

Macpherson, W. J., *The Economic Development of Japan 1868-1941*, Chs. 1, 2 and 3.

USSR:

Davies, R. W., *Soviet Economic Development from Lenin to Khrushchev*, Chs, 1, 2 and 3

2. Agriculture

Agrarian surplus and the role of the peasantry in economic development.

Britain:

E.J. Hobsbawm (1968), *Industry and Empire: An Economic History of Britain since 1750*. Weidenfeld & Nicholson, Ch.5

Japan:

Y Hayami (1975), *A Century of Agricultural Growth in Pre-War Japan: Its Relevance to Asian Development*. University of Minnesota Press, Chs. 1 and 3.

Macpherson, W. J., *The Economic Development of Japan 1868-1941*, Ch. 6

USSR:

Tauger, Mark B., "Soviet Peasants and Collectivization 1930-39: Resistance and Adaptation", *Journal of Peasant Studies*, 31: 3-4, (2004).

Davies, R.W., *Soviet Economic Development from Lenin to Khrushchev*, Ch. 6 (also done under Unit 3).

3. Industry

The industrial revolution in Britain; Industrialisation in late industrialisers.

Britain:

E.J. Hobsbawm (1968), *Industry and Empire: An Economic History of Britain since 1750*. Weidenfeld & Nicholson, Chs. 2, 3 & 6.

Japan:

Norman, E. H., *Japan's Emergence as a Modern State*, Ch. 4.

Macpherson, W. J., *The Economic Development of Japan 1868-1941*, Ch. 5, 7 and 8. Ch. 7 of this book is also useful for Unit 4.

USSR

Gregory, Paul and Robert C. Stuart, *Soviet Economic Structure and Performance*, Ch. 4 (3rd Ed.) or Ch. 3 (2nd Ed.).

Davies, R.W., *Soviet Economic Development from Lenin to Khrushchev*, Chs. 4, 5 and 6

4. The Factory System and Making of the Industrial Working Class:

Division of labour, structure of industrial authority, organisation of work and industrial production, relationship between workers and managers.

Britain:

E.J. Hobsbawm (1984), *World of Labour: Further studies in the history of labour*. London Weidenfeld & Nicholson, Ch. 11

Japan:

Okochi, Karsh and Levine (1965), *Workers and Employees in Japan, The Japanese Employment relations system*, University of Tokyo, Ch.13

USSR:

Maurice Dobb (1966) *Soviet Economic Development Since 1917*. 6th Edition. Routledge. Reprinted in 2012. Chapter 17: Trade Unions, Wages and Conditions of Labour.

5. The Role of the State in Industrial and Developmental Transition

Britain

E.J. Hobsbawm (1968), *Industry and Empire: An Economic History of Britain since 1750*. Weidenfeld & Nicholson, Chs.12

Japan

Macpherson, W.J., *The Economic Development of Japan 1868-1941*, Ch. 4.

Norman, E. H., *Japan's Emergence as a Modern State*, Ch. 2.

Chalmers Johnson (1982), *MITI and the Japanese Miracle: The Growth of Industrial Policy 1925-1975*, Stanford University Press, Ch. 1.

USSR

Gregory, Paul and Robert C. Stuart, *Soviet Economic Structure and Performance*, Ch. 7 (3rd Ed.) or Ch. 5 (2nd Ed.).

Davies, R.W., *Soviet Economic Development from Lenin to Khrushchev*, Chs. 7 and 8.