

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

**Minutes of the Meeting**

**Subject:** Generic Elective (GE-10) III/V/VII Sem.

**Course:** Introduction to Comparative Economic Development-ECON064

**Date of Meeting:** May 14, 2024

**Venue:** Department of Economics, Delhi School of Economics,  
University of Delhi

**Chair:** Dr. Varun Kumar Das and Dr. Devesh Birwal

Attended by:

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1	Navpreet Kaur	Miranda house
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**Eligibility Criteria to opt this course:** Class XII

**Prerequisite to op this course:** NIL

### **Learning Objectives**

The Learning Objectives of this course are as follows:

- This course investigates selected issues in industrialization and development in comparative historical perspective.
- The course focuses on a set of countries which followed diverse trajectories and patterns of growth to achieve their industrial transition and compares the outcomes of these diverse trajectories on sectoral change, intersectoral relations, labour processes and industrial relations and compares the role of the state in facilitating the respective trajectories.

### **Learning outcomes**

The Learning Outcomes of this course are as follows:

- The students will be able to visualise economic development in a historical perspective and assimilate material from diverse narratives.
- It will help them to understand the diverse paths of economic development in the advanced economies.

### **Scheme of Examination**

The maximum marks for the final examination would be 90, with the remaining 70 marks being allocated as follows: 30 marks for internal assessment and 40 marks for tutorials based assessment. In the final examination students should be asked to answer four

questions out of eight. Questions may span across countries and units of the syllabus.

## **Course Outline and Readings:**

### **UNIT I: Introduction (6 hours)**

#### **1. Theoretical issues and comparative historical background**

##### **Britain:**

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

### **UNIT II: Agricultural transformation and its role in industrialization (9 hours)**

#### **Agrarian and land relations, production and productivity, agrarian surplus in industrial development. Case studies: Britain, Japan and U.S.S.R.**

##### **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).

### **UNIT III: The industrialization process of Britain, Japan and U.S.S.R. (12 hours).**

##### **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.). Footnote on page 84 is only prescribed for teachers.

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

\*Davies, R.W., *Soviet Economic Development from Lenin to Khrushchev*, Ch. 5

#### **UNIT IV: The factory system and making of the industrial working class.**

##### **Case studies: Britain and Japan (5 hours)**

###### **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.

\*Macpherson, W. J., *The Economic Development of Japan 1868-1941*, Ch. 7.

###### **\*USSR:**

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

#### **UNIT V: The role of the state in industrial and developmental transitions.**

##### **Case studies: Britain, Japan and U.S.S.R. (13 hours)**

###### **Britain**

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

###### **Japan**

Norman, E. H., *Japan's Emergence as a Modern State*, Ch. 3.

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

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

###### **USSR**

Gregory, Paul and Robert C. Stuart, *Soviet Economic Structure and Performance*, Ch. 7 (3rd Ed.) or Ch. 5 (2nd Ed.). The subsection of this chapter titled *The Planning Problem: An Input-Output Framework* (pp:128-135) is prescribed only for teachers.

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

Note: \* Reading is for teachers.