This course investigates the economic development of Europe up to the Industrial Revolution. We examine the interplay between economic practices and economic thinking, especially how people's assumptions about their economies change over time in response to changing conditions. Topics include the legacy of the Ancient World, the medieval manor, the urban and commercial explosion of the later Middle Ages, women's role in the economy, the roots of capitalism, mercantilism, and the debates about the origins of industrialization. Essay exams, short reports and papers will be assigned.