

## Econ-334: History of Economic Doctrines, Fall 2020 – Course Syllabus<sup>1</sup>

<b>Time and place</b>	Fridays, 14:35 – 17:25 via Zoom
<b>Instructor and TAs</b>	Instructor: Julian Karaguesian; email: <a href="mailto:julian.karaguesian@mcgill.ca">julian.karaguesian@mcgill.ca</a> ; TA: Mani Chakrabarty; email: <a href="mailto:agamani.chakrabarty@mail.mcgill.ca">agamani.chakrabarty@mail.mcgill.ca</a>
<b>Instructor and TA Office Hours</b>	TBD
<b>Pre-requisites</b>	Econ-208 and Econ-209
<b>Subject matter</b>	A history of economic thought with a heavy focus on the era of Capitalism – from Smith, Malthus and Ricardo to Marx and Engels to Mill, Jevons, Marshall and Walras to Schumpeter and Keynes), to the modern era (including Robert Heilbroner, Mancur Olson, Susan Strange and others). We will also draw on pre-industrial thinkers and cutting edge thinking (e.g., Agent-Based Models, Radical Uncertainty, etc.) both as an end itself and to discern any possible cycles in economic thought and vision. Ultimately, this is a history of how thinkers have envisioned the material world and dynamic material (economic) and other forces, including systemic “shocks” such as COVID-19.
<b>Text and readings</b>	Texts: there are two. The <i>Worldly Philosophers</i> by Robert Helibroner and <i>Economic and Social History of Medieval Europe</i> by Henri Pirenne. Both will be available at Paragraphe bookstore by the beginning of class. Other required and suggested readings will be posted on <i>mycourses</i> .
<b>Grading and Exams</b>	Grading: (1) Quiz – 15 %; (2) Midterm – 25 %; (3) Final – 60 % Quiz and midterm dates: TBA; Final exam: TBA
<b>Absence from quizzes &amp; Exams</b>	In the event you miss the quiz or midterm, you must have a doctor’s note that <i>explains why your medical difficulty prevents you from writing the exam</i> . With such a note, the weight is moved to the final. <u>Without it, the exam or essay is marked at zero</u> . Notification of an absence from an exam after the start of the exam results in a zero grade (no exceptions). Absences from the December 2020 final are addressed by the Associate Dean of Arts. A deferred final exam in March 2021 will count for 60 - 70 % of your grade. In the event of a failing grade, a supplemental exam would count for 100 % of your grade. Such terms are necessary to maintain a level playing field among students. <b>Please do not book any travel until after the exam schedule has been published. There are no make-up exams.</b>
<b>Classroom etiquette</b>	Instruction will be online. Please keep your mics on mute until you have questions, comments or critiques in order to limit background noise disturbances. Depending on bandwidth availability, you may have to keep your cameras off as well (until you have questions or comments), and you may wish to keep them off regardless.
<b>Academic Integrity</b>	McGill University values academic integrity. Therefore, all students must understand the meaning and consequences of cheating, plagiarism and other academic offences under the Code of Student Conduct and Disciplinary Procedures. McGill’s policy on Academic Integrity can be found at <a href="https://www.mcgill.ca/students/srr/academicrights/integrity/cheating">https://www.mcgill.ca/students/srr/academicrights/integrity/cheating</a>
<b>Language</b>	Every student has the right to submit in English or in French written work that is to be graded / Chaque étudiant a le droit de soumettre en français ou en anglais tout travail écrit. Please refer to: / Prière de se référer à: <a href="https://www.mcgill.ca/students/srr/academicrights/course/french">https://www.mcgill.ca/students/srr/academicrights/course/french</a>

<sup>1</sup> The structure and style of this syllabus draws heavily from those prepared by Professor William Watson.