

# 英國政治經濟史--1650 年之前

## Pre-1650 English Political Economic History

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### General Information:

This course covers some important topics in political economy that are related to the political and economic rights. Many view the most important topic in economic development as being institutions and property rights. Yet there is no consensus as to what the key institutional features are which determine the property right system. This course adopts the point of view that stylized features from institutional history offer an important opportunity to understand what the key features are and how they operate. Accordingly, we will cover topics in pre-1650 English political economic history that provide insights into understanding the workings of property right systems, which largely shape the incentives to invest innovate.

This course will be taught in English. There will be some articles and chapters from John Miller's books, *Charles II* and *James II*, made available for the course for purchase at the copy store -文苑 (2625 – 5177). This material will be presented in lecture. The topics covered are intended to stimulate interest in political economy. A secondary objective of the course is to improve students' listening comprehension in English. The instructor is a native English speaker and it is hoped that experience from listening to lectures will also help students with their English.

Note: During the first week, no classes will be held on Thursday, 9/21. Full time instruction will begin next week, 9/26. Please see me today or on 9/26 to add class.

### Exams & Grading:

**All exams are open book**, where the copy store 文苑 (2625 – 5177) will have the midterm exam book and the final exam book. Final grade will be based on midterm score and final exam score, as well as attendance.

### **NOTE:**

**Midterm Exam Review: November 14, Tuesday, 2:10 – 3pm, B508**

**Final Exam Review: January 9, Tuesday, 2:10 – 3pm, B508**