

## Generic Elective (GE-10): Introduction to Comparative Economic Development

Semester	Course title & Code	Credits	Duration (per week)			Eligibility Criteria	Prerequisite
			Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
III/V/VII	<b>Introduction to Comparative Economic Development – ECON064</b>	4	3	1	0	<b>Class 12<sup>th</sup> Pass</b>	<b>NIL</b>

### 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.

### Syllabus

**UNIT I:** Introduction (9 hours)

Theoretical issues and comparative historical background.

**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.

**UNIT III:** The industrialization process of Britain, Japan and U.S.S.R. (9 hours)

**UNIT IV:** The factory system and making of the industrial working class. Case studies: Britain and Japan (9 hours)

**UNIT V:** The role of the state in industrial and developmental transitions. Case studies: Britain, Japan and U.S.S.R. (9 hours)

### Recommended readings

- Davies, R. (1998). Soviet economic development from Lenin to Khrushchev. Cambridge University Press.
- Dobb, M. (1966). Soviet economic development since 1917. Routledge.

- Hughes, J., Cain, L. (1994). American economic history, 4th ed. Harper Collins College Publishers.
- Hayami, Y. (1975). A century of agricultural growth in pre-war Japan: Its relevance to Asian development. University of Minnesota Press.
- Hobsbawm, E. (1968). Industry and empire: An economic history of Britain since 1750. Weidenfeld & Nicholson.
- Hobsbawm, E. (1984). Worlds of labour: Further studies in the history of labour. Weidenfeld & Nicholson.
- Johnson, C. (1982). MITI and the Japanese miracle: The growth of industrial policy 1925-1975. Stanford University Press.
- Macpherson, W. (1995). The economic development of Japan 1868-1941. Cambridge University Press.
- Norman, E. (2007). Japan's emergence as a modern state: Political and economic problems of the Meiji period. University of British Columbia Press.
- Okochi, K., Karsh, B., Levine, S. (1974). Workers and employees in Japan: The Japanese employment relations system. Princeton University Press.
- Paul, G., Robert, C. (1990). Soviet economic structure and performance, 3rd ed. Harper and Row.
- Tauger, M. (2004). Soviet peasants and collectivization 1930-39: resistance and adaptation. Journal of Peasant Studies, 31: 3-4. 427-456.
- Angus Maddison (2001). The World Economy, Vol. 1: A Millennial Perspective. OECD.

**Note: Examination scheme and mode shall be as prescribed by the Examination Branch, University of Delhi, from time to time.**