

Spring 2018

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Room 103

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:30 – 1:45 pm in STAD140.

Office Hours: TTh 11:00 am - noon and by appointment.

Textbooks: There are four required textbooks for this class:

- 1) *The Rise and Decline of Nations* by Mancur Olson (New Haven, CT: Yale University Press), 1984, reprint.
- 2) *War, Peace and Prosperity in the Name of God* by Murat Iyigun (Chicago, IL: The University of Chicago Press), 2015.
- 3) *A Culture of Growth: The Origins of the Modern Economy* by Joel Mokyr, (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press), 2017.
- 4) *Rulers, Religion and Riches* by Jared Rubin (Cambridge, UK, Cambridge University Press), 2017.

To keep track of class attendance & participation, I also require students to have with them their CU Clickers. If you do not already own one, it can be purchased at the CU Bookstore. Please register your clicker at <https://cuconnect.colorado.edu/uPortal/index.jsp>

There will also be periodic assignments of published articles that will be e-mailed to the class or can be accessed via

Course Objectives: Sustained economic growth is a relatively recent economic phenomenon that came about due to the Industrial Revolution and as a result of which the standards of living improved dramatically in the Anglo-Saxon West since the 18<sup>th</sup> century. However, global inequality has also risen to unprecedented levels because other parts of the world still significantly lag the West in economic, social and political terms. In this class, we shall study the comparative development paths of Anglo-Saxon Europe and the Middle East. In doing so, we shall primarily focus on the five books required for the

Disability Accommodations:

If you qualify for accommodations because

Preliminary Course Outline:

<u>Day</u>	<u>Topic</u>
1/15	The Course Mechanics and Logistics Introduction & Facts to be Explained
1/22	A Framework for Analysis The Solow Growth Model