



Research
Education
Outreach

CCA

Economic History for Economists

January/February 2023

Instructor

Paolo Di Martino

Contact information:

ESOMAS Department

paolo.dimartino@unito.it

Structure:

The module will be based on seminars with paper presentation, with students rotating in the role of chair and paper discussant.

Description:

The aim of the module is to introduce PhD students in economics programs to key debates in economic history. The module is specifically shaped to show how economic theory and econometric techniques can be used to make sense of economic issues such as growth, inequality, financial intermediation, etc., when addressed in historical perspective.

The module is made of three parts: an introductory lecture/seminar, a monographic part on Italian economic history, and another monographic part on the development of international finance during the “gold standard” years (1880 to 1913).

Provisional programme

- Introduction: Economic history for economists (2 hours) – Paolo Di Martino ESOMAS
- Part 1: Themes and debates in Italian economic history, 3*2 hour seminars

1. The lost highway perspective, a quantitative overview of Italian development in the long run (Michelangelo Vasta)
 2. Entrepreneurship and technology (Alessandro Nuvolari)
 3. Education and human capital (Gabriele Cappelli)
- Part 2: the development of international finance, 3*2 hours seminars;
 1. Rui Estevez: trading securities, an historical perspective.
 2. Paolo Di Martino: Italy and the world of international finance 1880-1913
 3. Roger Vicquery: Exchange rates during the international gold standard